

FIFTY-FIRST DAY.

(Monday, March 19, 1917.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m.,
pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following
members were present:

Bagby.	McComb.
Baker.	McFarland.
Beard of Milam.	McMillin.
Beasley.	Martin.
Beason.	Meador.
Bedell.	Mendell.
Bell.	Metcalf.
Bertram.	Miller of Austin.
Blackburn.	Monday.
Blackmon.	Morris.
Blalock.	Murrell.
Bledsoe.	Neeley.
Boner.	Neill.
Brown.	Nichols.
Bryan.	Nordhaus.
Bryant.	O'Banion.
Burton of Rusk.	Osborne.
Burton of Tarrant.	Parks.
Butler.	Peddy.
Cadenhead.	Peyton.
Canales.	Pillow.
Carlock.	Poage.
Clark.	Pope.
Cope.	Reeves.
Cox.	Richards.
Davis of Dallas.	Roemer.
Davis of Grimes.	Rogers.
Davis	Russell.
of Van Zandt.	Sackett.
De Bogory.	Schlesinger.
Denton.	Schlosshan.
Dodd.	Seawright.
Dudley.	Sholars.
Dunnam.	Smith of Bastrop.
Estes.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fairchild.	Smith of Scurry.
Fisher.	Spencer of Wise.
Fitzpatrick.	Spradley.
Florer.	Stewart.
Fly.	Swope.
Greenwood.	Taylor.
Hardey.	Terrell.
Harris.	Thomas.
Hartman.	Thomason
Hawkins.	of Nacogdoches.
Hill.	Thompson
Holland.	of Hunt.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Jones.	of Red River.
Laas.	Tillotson.
Lacey.	Tilson.
Laney.	Traylor.
Lange.	Tschoepe.
Lanier.	Upchurch.
Lee.	Valentine.
Low	Veatch.
of Washington.	Walker.

White.
Williams
of Brazoria.
Williford.

Wilson.
Woods.
Woodul.
Yantis.

Absent.

Bland.
Cates.
Haidusek.
Lowe
of McMullen.
McDowra.
Moore.
O'Brien.

Robertson.
Sentell.
Scholl.
Spencer of Nolan.
Templeton.
Wahrmund.
Williams
of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.
Crudgington.
Johnson.
Lindemann.
McCoy.
Miller of Dallas.

Raiden.
Sallas.
Strayhorn.
Thomason
of El Paso.
Tinner.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Newton P.
Patterson, pastor of the First Presby-
terian Church of Austin, as follows:

O Lord, our Father, who art in
heaven, we come into Thy presence with
adoration and gratitude for Thy blessed
care and mercy in keeping us through
another night and bringing us to the
light and glory of a new day and the
opportunities of a new week's work.
Before turning our minds and attention
to the duties which devolve upon us,
we desire to turn our hearts to Thee in
acknowledgment of Thy goodness and
mercy and in prayer that Thou wilt
help us to perform the duties of this
day and of this week in keeping with
Thy will. May the work done by the
members of this Legislature, and every
measure considered and enacted be bene-
ficial to the constituency of this State
and pleasing to Thee, and may each
member of this House reserve for Thee
that sacred place in his heart of hearts
for the indwelling of Thy spirit. For
we ask it all in Thy name and for the
sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted
leaves of absence on account of impor-
tant business:

Mr. Thomason of El Paso, indefinitely,
on motion of Mr. Dudley.

Mr. Tinner, for last Saturday and in-
definitely, on motion of Mr. Walker.

Mr. Miller of Dallas, until next
Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Bledsoe.

Mr. Lindemann, for last Saturday and
today, on motion of Mr. Laas.

Mr. Johnson was granted leave of absence for last Saturday and today, on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Nichols.

RELATING TO CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Mr. Bagby offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Section 24 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Texas reads as follows: "The members of the Legislature shall receive from the public treasury such compensation for their services as may, from time to time, be provided by law, not exceeding five dollars per day for the first sixty days of each session; and after that not exceeding two dollars per day for the remainder of the session; except the first session held under this Constitution, when they may receive not exceeding five dollars per day for the first ninety days, and after that not exceeding two dollars per day for the remainder of the session. In addition to the per diem the members of each house shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed five dollars for every twenty-five miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel by land, regardless of railways or water routes; and the Comptroller of the State shall prepare and preserve a table of distance to each county seat, now or hereafter to be established, and by such table the mileage of each member shall be paid; but no member shall be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a regular or called session"; and

Whereas, on a former day of this session, by resolution adopted by the House, it was provided that each member should be furnished with thirty-five dollars worth of stamps, each member provided with pay for telegraphing and telephoning in a sum not exceeding fifteen dollars for the regular session, and each member should be furnished with five daily newspapers of the State on each day, and that all of said sums and amounts should be paid out of the contingent fund of the House; and

Whereas, Many members of the House have already drawn said thirty-five dollars' worth of stamps, and accounts have already been approved

against the contingent fund of the House for telegrams and telephone bills incurred by the various members of the House; and

Whereas, Practically all of the members of the House have received five newspapers per day, which have part been paid for already and that which have not been paid for will be paid at the close of the session; and

Whereas, The constitutional provision above quoted contains a restriction in the amount of compensation to be received by each and every member of the House and prohibits the payment of any other compensation to the members of the Legislature other than the said five dollars per day and said two dollars per day and mileage; and

Whereas, The committee recently appointed to investigate like expenditures in the Executive Department of the government has reported to the House that expenditures of similar character constitute a misapplication, misappropriation and misuse of public funds; and

Whereas, The above mentioned custom for pay for stamps, telegrams, telephone tolls and newspapers for the members has been the custom for many years past; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House that each and every member of the House of the Thirty-fifth Legislature should and he is hereby requested to pay back into the contingent fund of the House or the Treasury of the State of Texas an amount equal to that which he has drawn for stamps, and an amount equal to that which has been paid for newspapers for him, and an amount equal to that which has been paid for telegrams and telephones during the session; and be it further

Resolved, That the Attorney General of the State be and he is hereby directed and instructed that in case any member of the House fails and refuses to pay into such contingent fund or the Treasury of the State any and all of such sums to bring suit for the sum against such members so refusing; and be it further

Resolved, That the State Comptroller of the State be and he is hereby instructed and directed to make demand of all former members of the Legislature, or their legal representative that all sums paid to them, on the same or similar accounts, be paid into the Treasury of the State, and upon

such failure to comply with such request that the Attorney General of the State be and he is hereby instructed and directed to bring suit for such amounts; and be it further

Resolved, That in the event the Attorney General of the State should fail or refuse, within ninety days after the passage of this resolution, to bring such suits that the State Treasurer and the Comptroller of the State be and they are hereby directed and empowered to employ some attorney to bring such suits on behalf of the State.

Signed—Bagby. Dudley.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Davis of Van Zandt offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend by adding that "the Attorney General is also instructed to bring suit to recover all funds illegally expended by the Governors of Texas for their own personal use."

Mr. Bryan offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend the resolution so as to authorize the Attorney General of this State within a reasonable time after the passage of this resolution to bring suit against all officers that have drawn funds from the State that is not provided for by the Constitution.

The substitute was adopted.

The amendment as substituted was then adopted.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by adding the following:

"Be it further resolved, That the Attorney General be further instructed to investigate whether or not any member of the Legislature has had his board or other expenses paid by any brewer or any special interest."

Mr. Dudley raised a point of order on consideration of the amendment on the ground that it is not germane to the purposes of the resolution.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

Mr. Rogers offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by providing that the Attorney General shall also bring suit for the recovery of the \$100,000 of the State's money now on deposit in the Temple State Bank and interest thereon against the civil and penal statutes of this State.

Mr. Spradley moved that further consideration of the resolution be postponed indefinitely.

Question being first put on the motion

to postpone indefinitely, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to postpone indefinitely was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—40.

Baker.	Metcalfe.
Beard of Milam.	Neeley.
Beason.	Nichols.
Bedell.	Nordhaus.
Bell.	O'Banion.
Bertram.	Parks.
Blackburn.	Peddy.
Blackmon.	Peyton.
Blalock.	Poage.
Burton of Tarrant.	Richards.
Cadenhead.	Sentell.
Carlock.	Schlosshan.
Clark.	Spradley.
Davis of Dallas.	Templeton.
Denton.	Terrell.
Florer.	Thomas.
Hill.	Thomason
Hudspeth.	of Nacogdoches.
Jones.	Upchurch.
McFarland.	White.
Meador.	

Nays—77.

Bagby.	McMillin.
Beasley.	Martin.
Bledsoe.	Mendell.
Boner.	Miller of Austin.
Brown.	Monday.
Bryan.	Morris.
Bryant.	Murrell.
Butler.	Neill.
Canales.	Osborne.
Cope.	Pillow.
Cox.	Pope.
Davis of Grimes.	Reeves.
Davis	Roemer.
of Van Zandt.	Rogers.
De Bogory.	Russell.
Dodd.	Sackett.
Dudley.	Schlesinger.
Dunnam.	Seawright.
Estes.	Sholars.
Fairchild.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fisher.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fitzpatrick.	Smith of Scurry.
Fly.	Spencer of Wise.
Greenwood.	Stewart.
Haidusek.	Swope.
Hardey.	Taylor.
Harris.	Thompson
Hartman.	of Hunt.
Hawkins.	Thompson
Holland.	of Red River.
Laas.	Tillotson.
Lacey.	Tilson.
Laney.	Traylor.
Lanier.	Tschoepe.
Lee.	Valentine.
Low	Veatch.
of Washington.	Williams
McComb.	of Brazoria.

Williams
of McLennan.
Williford.
Wilson.

Woods.
Woodul.
Yantis.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.
Bland.
Burton of Rusk.
Lange.
Lowe
of McMullen.
McDowra.

Moore.
O'Brien.
Robertson.
Scholl.
Spencer of Nolan.
Wahrmund.
Walker.

Absent—Excused.

Cates.
Crudgington.
Johnson.
Lindemann.
McCoy.
Miller of Dallas.

Raiden.
Sallas.
Strayhorn.
Thomason
of El Paso.
Tinner.

Reason for Vote.

I vote "yea" on motion to indefinitely postpone, because I think there is more politics in it than anything else in the organization of the House. I believed the House was extravagant in appropriating \$35 worth of stamps, \$15 for telephone and for five newspapers for each member of this House. Mr. Nordhaus offered the amendment for five newspapers and there were eighty-four members voting for it. I and forty-eight others voted against it. Mendell offered a resolution to pay \$35 for stamps and \$15 dollars for telephone, which received 120 votes. I and seventeen others voted against it.

BERTRAM.

Mr. Bryant moved that further consideration of the resolution be postponed until next Wednesday, March 21.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to postpone was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—58.

Baker.
Beard of Milam.
Beasley.
Beason.
Bedell.
Bell.
Bertram.
Blackburn.
Blackmon.
Bryant.
Burton of Rusk.
Burton of Tarrant.
Butler.
Cadenhead.
Carlock.
Clark.

Davis of Dallas.
Davis of Grimes.
Denton.
Florer.
Greenwood.
Hill.
Hudspeth.
Jones.
Lacey.
Laney.
McFarland.
Meador.
Metcalf.
Miller of Austin.
Murrell.
Neeley.

Neill.
Nichols.
O'Banion.
Parks.
Peddy.
Poage.
Rogers.
Sentell.
Schlosshan.
Spencer of Nolan.
Spencer of Wise.
Spradley.
Swope.
Templeton.

Terrell.
Thomas.
Thomason
of Nacogdoches.
Tillotson.
Tilson.
Upchurch.
Valentine.
Walker.
White.
Williford.
Woods.
Yantis.

Nays—61.

Bagby.
Boner.
Brown.
Bryan.
Canales.
Cope.
Cox.
Davis
of Van Zandt.
De Bogory.
Dodd.
Dudley.
Dunnam.
Estes.
Fairchild.
Fisher.
Fitzpatrick.
Haidusek.
Hardey.
Harris.
Hartman.
Hawkins.
Holland.
Laas.
Lange.
Lanier.
Lee.
Lowe
of McMullen.
Low
of Washington.
McComb.
McMillin.
Martin.

Mendell.
Monday.
Morris.
Nordhaus.
Osborne.
Peyton.
Pillow.
Pope.
Reeves.
Richards.
Robertson.
Roemer.
Russell.
Sackett.
Schlesinger.
Seawright.
Sholars.
Smith of Bastrop.
Smith of Hopkins.
Smith of Scurry.
Stewart.
Thompson
of Hunt.
Thompson
of Red River.
Trayler.
Tschoepe.
Veatch.
Williams
of Brazoria.
Williams
of McLennan.
Wilson.
Woodul.

Present—Not Voting.

Fly.

Absent.

Blalock.
Bland.
Bledsoe.
McDowra.
Moore.

O'Brien.
Scholl.
Taylor.
Wahrmund.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.
Cates.
Crudgington.
Johnson.
Lindemann.
McCoy.
Miller of Dallas.

Raiden.
Sallas.
Strayhorn.
Thomason
of El Paso.
Tinner.

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Rogers, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—37.

Bedell.	O'Banion.
Bertram.	Peddy.
Blackmon.	Reeves.
Burton of Rusk.	Rogers.
Cadenhead.	Russell.
Cope.	Sentell.
Davis of Dallas.	Schlosshan.
Davis	Seawright.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Hopkins.
De Bogory.	Spencer of Wise.
Dodd.	Stewart.
Estes.	Terrell.
Fairchild.	Thomas.
Hawkins.	Traylor.
Lacey.	Upchurch.
Laney.	Williams
McMillin.	of Brazoria.
Meador.	Williford.
Murrell.	Yantis.
Neill.	

Nays—80.

Bagby.	Lindemann.
Baker.	Lowe
Beard of Milam.	of McMullen.
Beasley.	Low
Beason.	of Washington.
Bell.	McFarland.
Blackburn.	Martin.
Blalock.	Mendell.
Bledsoe.	Metcalf.
Boner.	Miller of Austin.
Brown.	Monday.
Bryan.	Morris.
Burton of Tarrant.	Neeley.
Canales.	Nichols.
Carlock.	Nordhaus.
Clark.	Osborne.
Cox.	Parks.
Davis of Grimes.	Peyton.
Denton.	Pillow.
Dudley.	Poage.
Dunnam.	Pope.
Fisher.	Richards.
Fitzpatrick.	Robertson.
Florer.	Roemer.
Fly.	Sackett.
Greenwood.	Schlesinger.
Haidusek.	Sholars.
Hardey.	Smith of Bastrop.
Harris.	Smith of Scurry.
Hartman.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hill.	Spradley.
Holland.	Taylor.
Hudspeth.	Templeton.
Jones.	Thomason
Laas.	of Nacogdoches.
Lange.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Hunt.
Lee.	

Thompson
of Red River.
Tillotson.
Tschoepe.
Vale line.

Veatch.
Walker.
White.
Wilson.
Woodul.

Present—Not Voting.

Bryant.
McComb.

Woods.

Absent.

Bland.
Butler.
Cates.
McDowra.
Moore.
O'Brien.

Scholl.
Swope.
Tilson.
Wahrmund.
Williams
of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.
Crudgington.
Johnson.
McCoy.
Miller of Dallas.
Raiden.

Sallas.
Strayhorn.
Thomason
of El Paso.
Tinner.

Reason for Vote.

I vote "nay" because the law as I understand it does not allow State funds to be deposited in any bank; therefore the State would have no cause of action.
THOMPSON of Red River.

Mr. Burton of Tarrant moved the previous question on the resolution, and the motion was duly seconded.

Question—Shall the main question be now ordered?

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the House refused to order the main question at this time by the following vote:

Yeas—45.

Baker.	Hill.
Beard of Milam.	Holland.
Beasley.	Hudspeth.
Beason.	Laney.
Bedell.	Lange.
Bell.	McFarland.
Blackburn.	Metcalf.
Blackmon.	Neeley.
Blalock.	Nichols.
Boner.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Rusk.	Peddy.
Burton of Tarrant.	Poage.
Carlock.	Pope.
Clark.	Roemer.
Cox.	Sentell.
Denton.	Spradley.
Dunnam.	Swope.
Fisher.	Terrell.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomason
Florer.	of Nacogdoches.
Greenwood.	Valentine.
Harris.	Walker.
Hawkins.	White.

Nays—74.

Bagby.	Parks.
Bertram.	Peyton.
Bledsoe.	Pillow.
Brown.	Reeves.
Bryan.	Richards.
Bryant.	Robertson.
Butler.	Rogers.
Cadenhead.	Russell.
Cope.	Sackett.
Davis of Dallas.	Schlosshan.
Davis of Grimes.	Seawright.
Davis	Sholars.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Bastrop.
De Bogory.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dodd.	Smith of Scurry.
Dudley.	Spencer of Nolan.
Estes.	Spencer of Wise.
Fairchild.	Stewart.
Haidusek.	Taylor.
Hartman.	Templeton.
Jones.	Thomas.
Laas.	Thompson
Lacey.	of Hunt.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lee.	of Red River.
Lindemann.	Tillotson.
Lowe	Tilson.
of McMullen.	Trayler.
Low	Tschoepe.
of Washington.	Upchurch.
McMillin.	Veatch.
Martin.	Williams
Meador.	of Brazoria.
Mendell.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of McLennan.
Monday.	Williford.
Morris.	Wilson.
Murrell.	Woods.
Neill.	Woodul.
O'Banion.	Yantis.
Osborne.	

Absent.

Bland.	McDowra.
Canales.	Moore.
Cates.	O'Brien.
Fly.	Schlesinger.
Hardey.	Scholl.
McComb.	Wahrmund.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Sallas.
Crudgington.	Strayhorn.
Johnson.	Thomason
McCoy.	of El Paso.
Miller of Dallas.	Tinner.
Raiden.	

On motion of Mr. Schlesinger, further consideration of the resolution was postponed until 4 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 786, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a special fish law for Wood county, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 694, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the city of Corpus Christi in elevating and raising a portion of said city and building a seawall or breakwater so as to protect it from calamitous overflows, by donating to it the ad valorem taxes collected on property and from persons in Nueces county for a period of fifteen years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

H. B. No. 801, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 13, Chapter 35, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, being House bill No. 83, and as amended by Senate bill No. 105, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, creating a more efficient road system for Rains county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 834, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Bertram Independent School District in Burnet county, Texas, including the present Bertram Independent School District, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 451, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the purchase of a site for, and for the establishment, location and construction of, an asylum in South Texas for the care, treatment and support of negro insane persons, and to make an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 813, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Smiley Independent School District, in Gonzales county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency," with amendment.

S. B. No. 484, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish at Sherman, Grayson county, Texas, a junior agricultural, mechanical and industrial college, to be known as the Munson Vocational College,

making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,

Secretary of the Senate.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Dudley as a member of the Conference Committee on Senate bill No. 247, in place of Mr. Thomason of El Paso.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 820, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a new road law for Bowie county."

H. B. No. 829, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the special road laws of Cass county, Texas, enacted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, 1913, which became effective March 5, 1913, same being 'An Act to create a more efficient road law for Cass county, making the county commissioners ex-officio road supervisors, defining their duties and fixing their salaries, providing for the appointment of a civil engineer and naming the salary of said civil engineer.'"

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,

Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 353 ON PASSAGE TO A THIRD READING.

(Unfinished Business.)

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished business, on its passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 353, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 15, Chapter 1, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted in 1911, by adding thereto Article 1019a, defining the offense of negligent assault and battery, fixing a penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Question—Shall the bill be passed to a third reading?

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 342, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the Commissioner of Insurance to license agents of insurance companies, what the license shall state and how obtained, and providing for revocation of such license, termination thereof, for renewal of same, and providing a penalty for violation of this act, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 292, A bill to be entitled "An Act abolishing the defense of assumed risk as a bar to recovery in any suit against a corporation and further defining and regulating the defense of contributory negligence in suits against corporations, receivers or other persons operating railroads, street railways, interurban railways, or against other common carrier for damages for death of or for personal injuries to employees thereof; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; declaring certain limitations on the application of the act, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 319, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 7 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, the same being entitled 'An Act to provide for the suspension of sentence in cases of conviction of felony for the first offenses, upon the recommendation of the jury, and for submission of the issue to the jury by the court, and to provide the duration of the suspension of sentence and for pronouncing sentence after suspension thereof in case of final conviction of the defendant of any other felony, cumulating punishment in such cases, and for granting a new trial after suspension and dismissal of the case on certain events after suspension and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and providing for an emergency'; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the duties of the district attorney and county attorney with reference to habeas corpus proceedings, and examining trials in counties where there is not a resident criminal

district attorney, and repealing Article 31, Title 1, Chapter 2, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

H. B. No. 319, "An Act to amend Article 1074, Section 3, Chapter 59, page 113, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, relating to special instructions by the court."

H. B. No. 465, "An Act to provide for the purchase of a site for, and for the establishment, location, and construction of, an asylum to be known as the Northwest Texas Insane Asylum for the care, treatment and support of white insane persons, and to make an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 785, "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Wilson county, Texas; fixing the compensation of the commissioners of Wilson county when acting as ex-officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 48, "An Act for the protection of stock raisers, farmers and horticulturists; providing for the destruction of wolves and other wild animals; to make an appropriation therefor; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 52, "An Act to exempt from taxation all buffalo and cattalo now in captivity in Texas, by whomsoever owned, where such animals are kept and used for experimental purposes in crossing same with cattle for the purpose of producing a better strain of beef, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 501, "An Act to make appropriation to cover the cost of permanent building and equipment of same for the use of the Texas State Quarantine Service at Sabine, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 716, "An Act to amend

the present Runnels county special road law in raising the salaries of the commissioners in said county, so that they may receive \$540 for their services for any one year, and raising the salaries for services upon the roads of said county, and prescribing the maximum that each county commissioner may receive while acting as road commissioner of said county, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 783, "An Act to make an appropriation to pay debts contracted by the Prison Commission prior to January 7, 1915; making an itemized statement of such debts; making an appropriation to pay the interest which has or may accrue from the dates of maturity of such debts until the same are severally paid, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 789, "An Act to establish Common School District No. 10 in Dickens county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 610, "An Act to amend Section 3 of House bill No. 647, Chapter 136, of the special laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature relating to Tarrant county road system; providing for the raising of the salaries of county commissioners of said county from \$2000 to \$4000 per annum; and making it the duty of said commissioners to furnish their own conveyance while performing their duties of road commissioners and defray the expenses of upkeep of same."

H. B. No. 460, "An Act providing that in all incorporated cities and towns of this State having a population of fifty thousand inhabitants or more, according to the last United States census, and which maintain a regular police department, the patrolmen thereof, or those performing duties ordinarily performed by patrolmen, shall be required to serve on actual duty as patrolmen not longer than eight hours in every twenty-four hours; providing that in case of riot or other emergency such patrolmen shall perform such duty and for such time as the directing authority of the department shall require, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 173, "An Act declaring it to be unlawful for any railway company, or receiver thereof, or any other common carrier, to confiscate or otherwise convert to its, or their own use any article of freight received by it, or them, for transportation and deliv-

ery; providing penalties therefor in favor of the State of Texas and in favor of the owner or consignee of such article; providing that the terms of this act are cumulative of all other laws upon the subject, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 823, "An Act adding to and making a part of the Rosenberg Independent School District of Fort Bend county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 802, "An Act changing the boundaries of Caps Independent School District, and View Common School District No. 52, in Taylor county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 2, "An Act to establish a State Highway Department, creating a State Highway Commission and the office of State Highway Engineer; prescribing the duties of the members of the Commission and of the Engineer; and fixing the compensation of each; prescribing reciprocal duties for the Commission and for the commissioners courts; directing the Commission to plan and adopt a comprehensive system of State highways, and to promote the construction thereof by co-operation with the counties and by the Commission; authorizing a policy of State aid to counties in road construction, and to the inauguration of a plan of rewards to the counties for the construction of the more durable types of highways; directing co-operation of the department with the Federal government in the utilization of any funds appropriated by Congress in aid of road construction in this State; authorizing the working of State prisoners on State highways under conditions that may be agreed upon by the Highway Commission and the Prison Commission and approved by the Governor; providing for the support of the department by State registration of all motor vehicles and motorcycles, and for the distribution to the counties of a part of the moneys received from such registration fees; providing for the furnishing of identification numbers to motor vehicles and motorcycles and prescribing penalties for the violation of the provision for registration and identification of such vehicle; making an appropriation to inaugurate the work of the department as provided in this act, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 838, "An Act to create the Sherperd Independent School District in San Jacinto county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 825, "An Act creating the

Alief Independent School District in Harris county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 544, "An Act to amend Article 984 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to authorize cities and towns to require the filling up, draining and regulating of any lot or lots, grounds, or yards or other places in the city or town which shall be unwholesome, or have stagnant water therein or from any other cause be in such condition as to be liable to produce disease; to cause or make inspection of all premises and to impose fine on the owners of houses under which stagnant water may be found or upon whose premises stagnant water may be found, and to pass such ordinances as they may deem necessary for the purposes aforesaid, and making, filling up, altering or repairing of all sinks and privies, and directing the mode and material for constructing them in the future, and for cleansing and disinfecting the same; and for cleansing of houses, buildings, yards or grounds of filth, carrion or impure or unwholesome matter of any kind and to punish the owner or occupant violating the provisions of any ordinance so passed as aforesaid; and providing for the removal of weeds, rubbish, brush, etc., from lots, and empowering the city or town council, city commissioners, or other governing body of such city or town to make or cause such improvements to be made at the expense of the city on account of the owners, and to cause the expense of such improvements or work to be assessed on the real estate or lot or lots for or upon which work is done or improvements are made; and making provisions for notice to owners, and providing that a lien may be fixed upon such lot or lots, etc., for the improvement made, or caused to be made by the city or town, or for the work done, and also providing how the amounts expended in such improvements or work may be fixed, and providing for suit and foreclosure of the lien so given and the rate of interest to be paid on amounts so expended, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 419, "An Act to establish standard containers and standard grades and packs for fruits and vegetables grown in this State for the markets; to prescribe dimensions and cubical contents of such containers; to require the manufacturers of such containers to conform to the standards herein prescribed; to define the different grades and packs as

applied to different kinds of fruits and vegetables; to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture of this State to promulgate and publish said standard for the information of the public, and promulgate standards of containers, grades and packs, in conformity with those hereafter established by the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, and to promulgate such other standards of containers, grades and packs as in his judgment are expedient and to the best interests of the fruit and truck growers of the State; providing for supervision of the grading and packing of fruits and vegetables through State inspectors to be appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture; empowering the Commissioner of Agriculture to enforce the provisions of this act; prescribing penalties for its violation; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 351, "An Act providing that the history of the State of Texas shall be used in the history course of all public schools in Texas; giving the State Superintendent of Public Instruction certain powers in regard thereto; and providing a penalty for violation of this act."

H. B. No. 769, "An Act to amend Sections 6 and 7 of the special road law in force in Van Zandt county, as enacted by the Thirty-third Legislature and approved March 25, 1913," etc.

H. B. No. 757, "An Act to fix the time of holding the courts in the Sixty-fourth Judicial District of Texas; to validate all process, bonds and recognizances heretofore taken in the courts of said district and all judgments therein rendered, or to be rendered; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 795, "An Act creating and incorporating the Goldthwaite Independent School District in Mills county, Texas, including the town of Goldthwaite, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 840, "An Act increasing the limits of the Talpa Independent School District, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 782, "An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 119, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to official shorthand reporters' compensation in Bexar county."

H. B. No. 793, "An Act to amend Section 9, Chapter 72, Laws of 1901, as

amended by Chapter 119, Laws of 1913, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Karnes county, Texas,' etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 373, "An Act providing for the sale, lease, extension or mortgage by the Prison Commission by and with the approval and consent of the Governor of the railroad now owned by the State extending from Rusk, in Cherokee county, to Palestine, in Anderson county, and for its maintenance, equipment and operation; providing for condemning the right of way and material therefor; providing for condemnation proceedings; providing for the issuance of bonds by the Prison Commission in an amount sufficient for the extension of said road; providing that said Prison Commission with the approval and consent of the Governor may accept donations and gifts, either in money or lands, or other necessities for the extension of said road; providing that the rate of interest of said bonds may be such as to said Prison Commission shall seem best; providing for the redemption of said bonds; providing that the Railroad Commission of Texas shall have jurisdiction over traffic to compel a fair division of freight and passenger charges between said railroad and all connecting lines therewith; providing that said Prison Commission shall enforce and obey the orders and regulations of the Railroad Commission; providing for working State convicts in the construction of said road, and providing that said Prison Commission with the approval and consent of the Governor may do any and all things with said Texas State Railroad that an individual could do if he owned, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 364, "An Act to require the publication in some newspaper of general circulation of all notices now required by law or contract to be given of any act or proceeding, whether public or private, or relating to a judicial, executive or legislative matter, which notice is now authorized by law or contract to be made by posting notice in one or more public places; fixing a time of such publication, and the compensation; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 333, "An Act to amend Subdivision 60, Article 1121 of Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Revised Civil Statutes

of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, as amended at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, authorizing the formation of corporations for the construction and operation of interurban electric, gas or gasoline, denatured alcohol or naphtha motor railways with power to own, construct and operate union depots and office buildings and the right to acquire, hold and operate other public utilities in and adjacent to the cities or towns within or through which said companies operate; and authorizing those heretofore organized to acquire, hold and operate other public utilities in and adjacent to the cities or towns within or through which said companies operate, and providing the method of amending their charter so as to expressly include such authority."

H. B. No. 249, "An Act amending Article 1903 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, so as to render a certified plea of privilege prima facie proof of the right of the defendants to change of venue, and providing for procedure thereon."

H. B. No. 246, "An Act to amend Section 5 of House bill No. 25, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at the Regular Session, 1913, and approved April 7, 1913, relating to prorating the appropriations for Confederate pensions among the pensioners, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 831, "An Act setting aside the building now occupied and used as a General Land Office and located in Austin, Travis county, Texas, in order that the Daughters of the Republic and the Texas Division of the Daughters of the Confederacy might accumulate the mementos and relics, and preserve and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Southland of our commonwealth; providing how said building shall be used by the respective parties; making an appropriation for the repairing and remodeling of said building, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 815, "An Act to amend Title 5, Article 30, paragraph 21, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, which article provides for judicial districts of the State, and which paragraph defines the Twenty-first Judicial District and determines the date and length of term of such district court in each of the counties of the said district, and which amendment provides for a change in the term of the said court in Lee county."

H. B. No. 796, "An Act creating the

Pineland Independent School District No. 3 in Sabine county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 818, "An Act to so amend Section 18, Chapter 15 of the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, providing for a special road system for Ellis county, etc."

H. B. No. 749, "An Act permitting the commissioners court of Donley county, Texas, to pay the members of said court the sum of \$4 per day while serving at the terms of said court."

H. B. No. 740, "An Act to repeal Chapter 71, Special Acts of 1915, Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas, creating a special road system for Milam county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 705, "An Act adding territory to the present Frent Independent School District of Taylor county; defining its boundaries, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 669, "An Act to amend Sections 2, 3 and 14 of an act creating the county court of Dallas county at law, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 3, 1907, and adding thereto Sections 15 and 16, so as to restore to the county court of Dallas county jurisdiction in all matters and causes, civil and criminal, over which by the general laws of the State county courts have jurisdiction, providing for the manner of filing and transferring cases, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 615, "An Act to amend Chapter 77 of the General Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature, approved March 17, 1911, and entitled 'An Act to provide for the location, establishment and maintenance of two colonies for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis and to provide for the care and treatment of indigent consumptives, and making an appropriation therefor; defining a "citizen" as used in this act, and declaring an emergency,' as amended by the Act of March 31, 1913, by adding thereto Sections 22, 23 and 24, authorizing charitable fraternities or societies in this State to erect upon the grounds of the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium accommodations for the preferential use of their own members and their families and the widows and children of their deceased members, such persons to be otherwise admitted, maintained, cared for and treated in said sanitarium under the same rules and regulations as other patients thereof, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 591, "An Act to amend

Article 2821, Title 48, Chapter 15 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so that hereafter said article shall provide, in substance, that school trustees must be able to read and write in the English language; comprehend and interpret the laws of Texas relating to the public school system; providing for the removal of school trustees not thus qualified; placing certain duties upon the county superintendent, or the county judge of a county who is ex-officio county superintendent; directing suits for the removal of unqualified trustees by the county attorney; providing for enjoining disqualified trustees from acting; providing for the trial and removal of trustees who are not qualified under the act; conferring certain authority and requiring certain duties of the county board of education with reference to school trustees; providing that the county board of education may appoint school trustees in case of vacancy in such office, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 560, "An Act to provide an annual vacation to paid firemen in cities of 30,000 inhabitants or over; providing that the city official having supervision of the fire department shall designate the days each fireman is to be on vacation; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 149, "An Act to amend Title 126, Chapter 1, Article 7355, Section 9, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, on the question of taxation."

H. C. R. No. 22, Authorizing the Prison Commissioners, with the approval of the Governor, to dispose of certain State property situated at the Rusk penitentiary.

H. C. R. No. 18, Providing for compiling and printing Legislative Manual of the Thirty-fifth Legislature.

H. B. No. 599, "An Act to amend Chapter 76, General Laws, 1901, to create a more efficient road system for Erath county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 549, "An Act to prevent unnecessary cruelty in catching or killing of wild animals and to prevent live stock and other domestic animals from injury, and to prevent the extermination of wild animals usually hunted for sport, and to forbid the setting of any trap, snare or device for taking, snaring, trapping or catching of same, and to prevent the tak-

ing, catching, killing or trapping of such animals, and to provide a punishment for so doing."

H. J. R. No. 27, Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution providing for the levy of a special school tax to provide free text-books in the public schools of the State of Texas; proposing to amend Article 7 of the Constitution by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 16.

H. B. No. 653, "An Act to create a special road law for Cherokee county, and providing for levying and collecting a road tax, authorizing the commissioners court of said county to employ road superintendents and laborers on the public roads thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 239, "An Act to diminish the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Falls county, Texas; conferring said civil jurisdiction upon the district court of said county and conforming the jurisdiction of said district court to said change; denying appeal or writ of error from district court of said county in certain causes or suits appealed from justice courts; providing for collection and payment into county treasury of trial fees in certain cases tried or disposed of in said district court; repealing laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 238, "An Act to authorize the commissioners courts of the several counties of Texas to create and establish defined districts for irrigation purposes to be known as water improvement districts; empower such districts to construct reservoirs, dams, canals, laterals, ditches, pumping plants and other internal improvements necessary to irrigation systems; to order and hold elections for the purpose of voting on irrigation propositions and establishment of such districts, etc.; providing for sale of bonds, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 237, "An Act to provide a more adequate system of laws relating to irrigation and declaring the unappropriated waters of the State the property of the State; authorizing their appropriation, storage and diversion for beneficial uses; perpetuating the Board of Water Engineers and prescribing its powers, duties and compensation; defining water rights and prescribing the method of acquiring, perfecting and preserving same; requiring application to

be made to the Board of Water Engineers for permit to construct storage, diversion and distribution works, and prescribing the method thereof; limiting the right to the waters of the State to beneficial uses, and declaring forfeiture for abandonment of use; prescribing standards for the measurement of water; providing a method for the determination of water rights by the Board of Water Engineers; authorizing appeals from the decisions of the State Board of Water Engineers, and regulating the manner thereof; prescribing the method of serving notices on claimants and appropriators of water, and declaring the effects of failure to observe the same; authorizing the issuance of certificates of water rights and the recording thereof; fixing certain fees; creating the office of Water Commissioner and prescribing the duties and compensation thereof; authorizing the appointment of special assistants and prescribing their duties and compensation; dividing the State into water divisions and providing for water districts; prescribing the method for determining and recording title to irrigation works, and establishing the period of limitation to quiet titles thereto; regulating partnership ditches; conferring the right of eminent domain in aid of construction of irrigation works; prohibiting the seeding of Johnson grass or Russian thistle on irrigation canals; prescribing penalties for violation of the provisions of this act; requiring the making of annual report to the Board of Water Engineers; requiring the control of flowing artesian wells; authorizing the chartering of corporations to construct and operate irrigation and other works; authorizing contracts for the supply and delivery of water, and creating liens to secure payment thereof; authorizing the acquisition of lands by irrigation companies, and requiring the alienation thereof; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Woods, the House, at 12:05 o'clock p. m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

SENATE BILL NO. 353 ON PASSAGE
TO A THIRD READING.

(Pending Business.)

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being Senate bill No. 353, defining negligent assault and battery and prescribing the penalty therefor, on its passage to a third reading.

Senate bill No. 353 was then passed to a third reading.

RECALLING HOUSE BILL NO. 749
FROM ENROLLING ROOM.

Mr. Templeton offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That House bill No. 749 be recalled from the enrolling room for correction.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 808, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Jasper county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 248, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 127 of the General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, page 199 of the Acts of said Legislature, relating to the fees of district attorneys composed of two counties or more and to provide for assistant district attorneys in certain districts, and to provide for compensation for such assistants, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

TO PROVIDE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 1, Providing for calling a constitutional convention.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring:

Section 1. That a convention to frame a new Constitution for the State of Texas shall assemble in the city of Austin at the Capitol on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1918, for the purpose of framing a new Constitution.

Sec. 2. The convention herein provided for shall be composed of delegates of the people, to be chosen in the manner hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 3. Such delegates shall be chosen and elected by voters of the State of Texas, qualified to vote, under existing laws, for members of the Legislature. The qualified voters of each Senatorial District, as designated by law at the time of the election hereinafter provided for, shall elect one delegate, and the qualified voters of each Representative District entitled to elect a member of the Legislature, at the time such election shall be held, shall elect one delegate for each such member.

Sec. 4. An election shall be held on the second Tuesday in November, A. D. 1917, for the election of such delegates. Such election shall be governed and controlled by the laws in force at the time in regard to general elections. At said election each voter in voting for delegates shall also vote: "For a Constitutional Convention," or "Against a Constitutional Convention," and the vote of each county for and against a constitutional convention shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the county judge of said county; and if, upon count of the vote of the people of the State, it be found that a majority have voted for a constitutional convention, it shall be the duty of the Governor to issue his proclamation convening the delegates elected to said convention, in accordance with the provisions of this concurrent resolution; provided, however, that if it be found that a majority of the voters at said election have voted "Against a Constitutional Convention" then said convention shall not be convened.

Sec. 5. The Governor shall issue his proclamation upon the passage of this concurrent resolution, in due time, directing the several officers of this State empowered by law to conduct, manage and supervise elections, under the laws of Texas, and as now provided by this

concurrent resolution, to hold said election, and make return of the result of same.

Sec. 6. The Constitution framed by said convention shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the State of Texas, for their adoption or rejection, by a majority of the votes cast upon that question at the general State election to be held in November, 1918.

The following amendments to the resolution having been adopted by the Senate:

(1)

Amend by striking out all of Section 3 after the word "elect," line 19, page 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "two delegates and the qualified voters of the State shall elect ten delegates for the State at large."

(2)

Amend the resolution by adding after Section 6 a new section to be known as Section 7, which shall read as follows:

"Sec. 7. The convention when assembled shall not in said new Constitution abridge or change the homestead provision of our present Constitution, but that the homestead provision in said new Constitution shall remain as it is in our present Constitution."

Mr. Tillotson raised a point of order on consideration of the resolution at this time on the ground that it is not the regular order of business.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Mr. Bertram offered the following (committee) amendment to the resolution:

Amend Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 by striking out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. That a State election is hereby called to be held throughout the State of Texas on the fourth Saturday in July, 1917, that being the 28th day of said month, for the purpose of electing delegates to a Constitutional Convention to assemble in the House of Representatives in the State Capitol building in Austin, Texas, on the first Tuesday in September, 1917, for the purpose of framing a new Constitution for the State of Texas.

Such election shall be conducted, governed and controlled by the laws now in force in regard to general elections, except as modified by the provisions of this resolution.

Sec. 2. Such convention shall be composed of ninety-three delegates, representing the people of Texas, to be chosen by Senatorial Districts, the qualified electors of each Senatorial District to elect three delegates to said constitutional convention.

Each qualified voter shall be entitled to vote for three delegates to said convention, and the three candidates in each Senatorial District receiving the highest number of votes for delegate shall be declared to be elected.

Sec. 3. The voting at such election shall be by ballot and the official ballot shall be prepared and furnished to the election officers by the county judges of each county composing the Senatorial District, and they shall furnish the election judges of each voting precinct in their respective counties twice as many official ballots as there are qualified voters in said precinct, as shown by the poll tax and exemption certificates.

Any qualified elector possessing the qualifications as prescribed for a Representative in the Legislature may have his name printed upon the official ballot as a candidate for delegate by filing his written application therefor with the county judge of the county in which said applicant resides at least twenty days before the date of said election. The county judges in each county composing a Senatorial District shall file the name of each applicant in their respective counties with the county judge of every county composing said Senatorial District at least fifteen days before the date of said election, and said county judges shall have the names of all applicants for delegates printed on the official ballot in their respective counties.

Sec. 4. The election judges of the various voting precincts shall immediately after the votes have been counted make returns to the county judge of their respective counties, giving the results of said election, and the county judge shall call the commissioners court together on Saturday, August 4th, following the election, and canvass the returns in the presence of said commissioners court, and immediately certify the vote of each and every candidate for delegate to the legal returning officer of the Senatorial District of which such county forms a part.

The said returning officer of each Senatorial District shall immediately

canvass the returns furnished him from the various counties composing the Senatorial District and issue certificates of election to the three delegates receiving the highest number of votes cast for delegates in said Senatorial District, and he shall also certify the vote for each candidate to the Secretary of State, Austin, Texas.

Sec. 5. Any qualified voter in the State possessing the qualifications of a member of the House of Representatives in the State Legislature shall be qualified to act as a delegate to such constitutional convention, and no State, district or local officer shall be disqualified to serve as a delegate in this convention, nor shall such service vacate any office; provided, that no person holding an elective or appointive office in this State shall receive compensation for service as a delegate to said convention while drawing an annual or monthly salary from the State or any political subdivision thereof.

Sec. 6. Each delegate, except as provided in Section 5 hereof, shall receive for his service in said convention, the sum of five dollars per day, and actual cost of transportation from his home to the State Capitol and return home.

Said per diem and cost of transportation to be approved by the president and secretary of the convention and paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants drawn and approved by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The convention shall be governed and controlled by its own rules of procedure and shall be the sole judge of the qualifications and election of its members, subject only to the limitations of this resolution.

The sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue not otherwise appropriated, to pay the mileage and per diem of the delegates, per diem of officers and employes and contingent expenses of the convention.

Sec. 7. The new Constitution for the State of Texas to be framed by the convention herein provided for, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State for their ratification or rejection at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas at such time and under such conditions as said convention may prescribe.

Sec. 8. The Governor is hereby authorized and directed to issue the necessary proclamation calling said constitutional convention and authorizing the

election of delegates as herein provided for, and the sum of five thousand (\$5000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue not otherwise appropriated, to defray the necessary expense in issuing the proclamation and ordering the election.

Mr. De Bogory moved to table the (committee) amendment, and the motion to table prevailed.

Mr. De Bogory moved the previous question on the resolution, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the adoption of the resolution, yeas and nays were demanded.

Mr. Florer moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum pending consideration of the resolution, and the call was duly seconded.

The Speaker then directed the Door-keeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading from the Hall, and stated that no member would be permitted to leave the Hall without written permission from the Speaker.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—63.

Baker.	Morris.
Beard of Milam.	Murrell.
Beasley.	Neill.
Bedell.	O'Banion.
Bell.	Osborne.
Blalock.	Peddy.
Bledsoe.	Peyton.
Boner.	Poage.
Bryan.	Reeves.
Burton of Rusk.	Richards.
Butler.	Rogers.
Cadenhead.	Russell.
Clark.	Sackett.
Cope.	Sentell.
Davis of Dallas.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis	Smith of Hopkins.
of Van Zandt.	Spencer of Wise.
De Bogory.	Stewart.
Dodd.	Templeton.
Dunnam.	Terrell.
Estes.	Thomas.
Fairchild.	Thomason
Florer.	of Nacogdoches.
Hawkins.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Hunt.
Johnson.	Tilson.
Jones.	Traylor.
Lacey.	Upchurch.
Laney.	Veatch.
McMillin.	White.
Meador.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of Brazoria.

Williford.
Wilson.

Yantis.

Nays—33.

Bagby.	Nichols.
Beason.	Pillow.
Bertram.	Pope.
Blackburn.	Robertson.
Canales.	Seawright.
Carlock.	Spencer of Nolan.
Davis of Grimes.	Spradley.
Denton.	Taylor.
Dudley.	Thompson
Fly.	of Red River.
Hardey.	Tillotson.
Laas.	Tschoepe.
Lange.	Valentine.
Lee.	Walker.
McComb.	Williams
McFarland.	of McLennan.
Mendell.	Woodul.
Neeley.	

Present—Not Voting.

Woods.

Absent.

Blackmon.	Low
Bland.	of Washington.
Brown.	McDowra.
Bryant.	Martin.
Burton of Tarrant.	Miller of Austin.
Cates.	Monday.
Cox.	Moore.
Fisher.	Nordhaus.
Fitzpatrick.	O'Brien.
Greenwood.	Parks.
Haidusek.	Roemer.
Harris.	Schlesinger.
Hartman.	Schlosshan.
Hill.	Scholl.
Holland.	Sholars.
Lanier.	Smith of Scurry.
Lindemann.	Swope.
Lowe	Wahrmund.
of McMullen.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Sallas.
Crudgington.	Strayhorn.
McCoy.	Thomason
Miller of Dallas.	of El Paso.
Raiden.	Tinner.

Reason for Vote.

I vote "nay" on concurrent resolution calling a constitutional convention for the following reasons: The resolution provides for two delegates from each senatorial district and ten delegates at large, and doesn't provide for any per diem or pay for their service. I believe the delegates should be chosen as proposed by the committee from the House, printed in the Journal, and making an appropriation for their pay.

BERTRAM.

Verification of Vote.

Mr. Bagby called for a verification of the vote.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll of those recorded as voting "yea."

The roll of "yeas" was called and found correct as first announced.

The Clerk was then directed to call the roll of those recorded as voting "nay."

The roll of "nays" was called and found correct as first announced.

The verified vote stood, as first announced, yeas 63, nays 33.

Mr. Terrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NO. 247.

Mr. Dudley called up from the Speaker's table, for consideration at this time, the request of the Senate for a Free Conference Committee on Senate bill No. 247.

The Speaker laid the request of the Senate before the House.

Question—Shall the request be granted?

Mr. Dudley moved that the request be granted.

The motion prevailed.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following Free Conference Committee on the part of the House:

Messrs. Fly, Pope, Dudley, Jones and Bell.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bill:

S. B. No. 494, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the San Diego Independent County Line School District in Duval county."

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 813 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Fly called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 813, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Smiley Independent School District, in Gonzales county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Fly, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bill:

S. B. No. 432, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6292 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas for 1911; prescribing the fees that may be charged by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy."

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 494, to Committee on Education.

S. B. No. 319, to Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.

S. B. No. 342, to Committee on Insurance.

S. B. No. 292, to Committee on Common Carriers.

S. B. No. 248, to Committee on State Affairs.

S. B. No. 432, to Committee on Public Health.

SENATE BILL NO. 472 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 472, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 77 of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of 1913, providing for more efficient road laws for Bexar county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 485 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 485, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2444 of the Revised Civil Statutes, so as to provide for a depository for money collected as taxes for the State, counties and the various districts, and other municipal subdivisions thereof, requiring tax collectors to deposit taxes in such depository; fixing penalty for failure to so deposit such taxes; relieving the tax collector and his sureties from liability, and defining 'county funds.'"

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 478 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 478, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Phelps Independent School District in Walker county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 423 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 423, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Kerr county the civil and criminal jurisdiction belonging to said court under the Constitution and general statutes of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change; to fix the time of holding court and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 467 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 467, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate out of the general revenue not heretofore appropriated the sum of twenty-one thousand

eight hundred thirty-two and eighty hundredth dollars (\$21,832.80) or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas in carrying out the provisions of C. S. B. No. 108, providing for the tick and sheep scab eradication for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 553 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Metcalfe called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 553, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7305 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the inspection of hides and animals, so as to include among the counties exempted from the provisions of Articles 7256 to 7304, inclusive, the counties of Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sterling, Tom Green and Upton."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Metcalfe, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 694 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Pope called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 694, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the city of Corpus Christi in elevating and raising a portion of said city and building a seawall or breakwater so as to protect it from calamitous overflows, by donating to it the ad valorem taxes collected on property and from persons in Nueces county for a period of fifteen years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, as the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Pope, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 212 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 212, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create and establish a Texas Industrial School and Workshop for the Adult Blind of the State"; providing for a board to locate such institution and to manage its affairs; providing an appropriation, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time.

Mr. Spencer of Wise offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 212 by adding at the end of Section 1 the following: "Provided, no person who shall not have been a citizen of Texas for a period of five years next preceding the date of the filing of his application for admission to the said training school for the adult blind shall be eligible to admission."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 212 was then passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 454 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 454, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting the right of contribution among defendants in judgment in cases arising out of tort, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 489 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 489, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Mercedes Independent School District in Hidalgo county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 732 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 732, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of \$1799.00 for the purpose of supplementing existing appropriations and the payment of the salaries of certain employes, etc., in the Department of Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds for the months of February to August,

1917, both inclusive, fixing the salaries for such time and for the purpose of paying one-half the expense of certain paving, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read third time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed?

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—75.

Bagby.	Mendell.
Baker.	Metcalfe.
Beason.	Morris.
Blackburn.	Neeley.
Blackmon.	Nichols.
Blalock.	O'Banion.
Bledsoe.	Osborne.
Boner.	Peyton.
Butler.	Pillow.
Cadenhead.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Carlock.	Reeves.
Clark.	Richards.
Cope.	Robertson.
Davis of Dallas.	Roemer.
Davis of Grimes.	Sackett.
Davis	Sentell.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Bastrop.
De Bogory.	Spencer of Nolan.
Dudley.	Spencer of Wise.
Dunnam.	Spradley.
Estes.	Swope.
Fairchild.	Taylor.
Fisher.	Templeton.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomas.
Florer.	Thomason
Fly.	of Nacogdoches.
Hardey.	Thompson
Hawkins.	of Red River.
Hudspeth.	Tillotson.
Johnson.	Tschoepe.
Jones.	Valentine.
Laas.	Walker.
Laney.	White.
Lange.	Williams
Lanier.	of Brazoria.
Lindemann.	Williams
McFarland.	of McLennan.
McMillin.	Williford.
Meador.	Wilson.

Nays—18.

Beasley.	Seawright.
Bertram.	Smith of Hopkins.
Bryan.	Stewart.
Burton of Rusk.	Terrell.
Dodd.	Tilson.
Lee.	Trayler.
Murrell.	Veatch.
Russell.	Woods.
Schlosshan.	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker.	McComb.
Beard of Milam.	

Absent.

Bedell.	Miller of Austin.
Bell.	Monday.
Bland.	Moore.
Brown.	Neill.
Bryant.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Tarrant.	O'Brien.
Cox.	Parks.
Denton.	Peddy.
Greenwood.	Raiden.
Haidusek.	Rogers.
Harris.	Schlesinger.
Hartman.	Scholl.
Hill.	Sholars.
Holland.	Smith of Scurry.
Lacey.	Strayhorn.
Lowe	Thompson
of McMullen.	of Hunt.
Low	Upchurch.
of Washington.	Wahrmund.
McDowra.	Woodul.
Martin.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Sallas.
Cates.	Thomason
Crudgington.	of El Paso.
McCoy.	Tinner.
Miller of Dallas.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 288 ON THIRD
READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 288, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5661, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, Title 86, Chapter 7, relating to the registration of chattel mortgages, and to provide the effect to be given to the registration to such mortgages, where the same relates to property sold to be thereafter attached to the realty as a fixture; to provide for a special book in which such chattel mortgages shall be registered; to regulate the manner of registering the same, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time, and was passed.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. O'Banion, by unanimous consent, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 432 be not printed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 584 ON THIRD
READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 584, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix a uniform date upon which officers elected at a general election shall qualify and assume the duties of their respective offices, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time, and was passed.

MOTION TO TAKE UP HOUSE BILL
NO. 691.

Mr. Tillotson moved to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 691, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 628 and 632 of Chapter 2, Title 18, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas (1911 compilation), said chapter being Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, 1909, entitled 'An Act to authorize any county or political subdivision or other defined district of the county, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpaying voters thereof who are qualified electors of such county or political subdivision or defined district of the county to issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county or political subdivision or defined district thereof, etc.,' and to add to said chapter Articles 637a, 637b, 637c, 637d, 637e, and 637f, providing that in any county wherein a road district or road districts have been formed or may hereafter be formed and have issued bonds for the purpose of constructing public roads, the commissioners court of the county shall, upon petition, submit to the qualified voters of the county the proposition as to whether or not bonds shall be issued for the purpose of purchasing or taking over the improved roads already constructed in said road district or districts and of further constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes throughout such county, requiring the commissioners court to set apart from such county issue bonds in sufficient amount to retire all outstanding district bonds, and prescribing the methods therefor either by exchange with the holder or holders of said dis-

strict bonds or by depositing county bonds to the credit of such district or districts; providing for levy and collection of taxes for said county bonds and dispensing with taxes for said district bonds, authorizing the necessary adjustment of sinking funds, providing for the issuance and sale of county bonds in excess of the amount needed to retire the district bonds and for expenditure of funds thus realized, and prohibiting the overlapping of road districts or subdivisions of a county, providing for the proper investment of the sinking funds of road bonds, declaring the interest arising from any such investment shall become a part of the sinking fund and prohibiting the diversion of said interest and said sinking fund for any other purpose, making the same a criminal offense, and providing suitable punishment therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The motion to suspend was lost.

HOUSE BILL NO. 389 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage.

H. B. No. 389, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1210, Chapter 1, Title 17, of the Penal Code of Texas, relating to the offense 'arson.'"

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 720 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage.

H. B. No. 720, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5118, Title 75, Chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, of 1911, so as to exempt from jury service all persons employed as mail carriers on rural free delivery routes, established under and by virtue of the United States postal laws, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read third time.

Mr. Jones offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 720 by adding after the word "attorneys," page 1, line 5, Section 1, the words, "and dentists."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 720 was then passed.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP HOUSE BILL NO. 316.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage.

H. B. No. 316, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7584, Title 126, Chapter 12, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of Texas, prescribing how and out of what moneys tax assessors be paid, and providing that the assessor of taxes may be paid out of the first money collected from occupation or other taxes for the year."

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bill:

H. B. No. 526, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1460, Chapter 2, Title 29, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and amended by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, page 203, providing for the appointment and compensation of county auditors in counties having a population of forty thousand inhabitants, according to the last United States census, or having a tax valuation of eighteen million dollars, according to the last approved tax rolls; also, to add Article 1460a, providing that county auditors may be appointed in counties having a less population than forty thousand inhabitants, or having a tax valuation of less than eighteen million dollars; also, to amend Article 1461, Chapter 2, Title 29, of the Revised Civil Statutes, as amended by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, page 182, relating to the appointment of county auditors; also, to amend Article 1462, Chapter 2, Title 29, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, defining the qualifications of county auditors," with amendments.

The Senate has rescinded the vote by which the following bill failed of passage: House bill No. 227, the Anti-Pass Bill.

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP HOUSE BILL NO. 381.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 381, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6006, 6007 and 6010, Title 97, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing for a notarial seal, the disposition of same upon vacating office and what seal shall contain, administering oaths, taking acknowledgments and giving certificates therefor, by notaries public."

HOUSE BILL NO. 692 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 692, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 167, Title 10, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas, providing for the treatment at the expense of the State of all indigent persons afflicted with hydrophobia, and providing for the treatment at the expense of the patient of all non-indigent persons so afflicted, and providing that the counties in which indigent persons so afflicted reside shall pay the expenses of such persons to and from Austin, as well as the necessary living expenses incurred by said persons while in Austin undergoing said treatment."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 504 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage.

H. B. No. 504, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring every repair shop of whatsoever kind, or garage, within this State engaged in the repairing, rebuilding or repainting of automobiles of every description, or repair shops engaged in electrical work in connection with automobiles of every description, to keep a register containing a complete and accurate description of every car upon which work is performed; providing what the register shall contain and how it shall be kept; providing a punishment for failure to comply, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 577 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 577, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the introduction into and dissemination in this State of insect pests and plant diseases injurious or harmful to plants and plant products, vesting the enforcement thereof in the Commissioner of Agriculture, and defining his powers and duties."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 493 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 493, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 15, Title 71, of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State, by adding, following Article 4954, a new Article 4955, and providing in substance that all provisions of the laws of this State applicable to life, fire, marine, inland, lightning or tornado insurance companies shall, so far as the same are applicable, govern and apply to all companies transacting any other kind of insurance business in this State, so far as they are not in conflict with the provisions of law made specially applicable thereto, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and the House refused to pass the bill.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following:

S. J. R. No. 11, "A Joint Resolution proposing and submitting to the vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 5, Article 4, of the Constitution of Texas, providing for the payment of the salary of the Governor of the State."

The Senate concurs in House amendments to Senate bill No. 472.

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 537 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 537, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 511 of the Revised Criminal Statutes, 1911, relating to the interference with dead bodies, and defining the conditions under which dead bodies may be disinterred, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 832 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 832, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the maintenance and keeping of private lots in cemeteries."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 691 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 691, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 628 and 632 of Chapter 2, Title 18, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas (1911 compilation), said chapter being Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, 1909, entitled 'An Act to authorize any county or political subdivision or other defined district of the county, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property tax paying voters thereof who are qualified electors of such county or political subdivision or defined district of the county to issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county or political subdivision or defined district thereof, etc.,' and to add to said chapter Articles

637a, 637b, 637c, 637d, 637e, and 637f, providing that in any county wherein a road district or road districts have been formed or may hereafter be formed and have issued bonds for the purpose of constructing public roads, the commissioners court of the county shall, upon petition, submit to the qualified voters of the county the proposition as to whether or not bonds shall be issued for the purpose of purchasing or taking over the improved roads already constructed in said road district or districts and of further constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes throughout such county, requiring the commissioners court to set apart from such county issue bonds in sufficient amount to retire all outstanding district bonds and prescribing the methods therefor either by exchange with the holder or holders of said district bonds or by depositing county bonds to the credit of such district or districts, providing for levy and collection of taxes for said county bonds and dispensing with taxes for said district bonds, authorizing the necessary adjustment of sinking funds, providing for the issuance and sale of county bonds in excess of the amount needed to retire the district bonds and for expenditure of funds thus realized, prohibiting the overlapping of road districts or subdivisions of a county, providing for the proper investment of the sinking funds of road bonds, declaring the interest arising from any such investment shall become a part of the sinking fund and prohibiting the diversion of said interest and said sinking fund for any other purpose, making the same a criminal offense, and providing suitable punishment therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP HOUSE BILL NO. 517 ON THIRD READING.

The House refused, to suspend regular order of business to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 517, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1142 (1097) of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the allowance to sheriffs for the safekeeping, support and maintenance of prisoners confined in jail or under guard, and amount of charges to be allowed therefor, and repealing all laws and parts of

laws and provisions in laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP HOUSE BILL NO. 378.

The House refused to suspend regular order of business to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 378, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to cities of over five thousand inhabitants power of local self-government to allow censor and regulate, or to prohibit the operation of theaters on Sunday."

HOUSE BILL NO. 513 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 513, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature as amended by Chapter 31 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, which said last named chapter was 'An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas, entitled "An Act to prohibit the intrastate shipment and transportation of intoxicating liquors, prohibiting any person, firm, corporation or any officer, agent or employe thereof from delivering to any other person, firm, corporation or any officer, agent or employe thereof, any intoxicating liquor for shipment, transportation or carriage from any point within this State to any other point within this State; prohibiting any person, firm, corporation or any officer, agent or employe thereof from receiving for shipment, transportation or carriage, or from shipping, transporting, carrying or delivering any intoxicating liquor from any point within this State to any other person, firm or corporation, or any officer, agent or employe thereof, within this State; providing that this act shall not apply to any person personally carrying any intoxicating liquor from any point within this State to any other point within this State for the use of himself or member of his family residing with him; providing this act shall not apply to the transportation, carriage or delivery of intoxicating liquors to persons licensed under the laws

of this State to sell spirituous, vinous or malt liquors; providing that this act shall not prohibit the shipment, transportation or delivery by persons licensed under the laws of this State to sell spirituous, vinous or malt liquors within the county or subdivision of a county in which such persons are authorized or licensed under the laws of this State to pursue such business; providing that this act shall not apply to the interstate shipment or delivery of intoxicating liquors, providing exceptions to this act for sacramental purposes; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of this act; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, providing if any section or part of this act shall be held to be invalid that that fact shall not invalidate any other part of this act, and declaring an emergency," and providing for the shipment, transportation, carriage and delivery of alcohol to drug stores, hospitals, educational or eleemosynary institutions of this State for scientific or medicinal purposes and providing for the shipment, transportation, carriage and delivery to manufacturers or manufacturing establishments not manufacturing intoxicating liquors capable of being used as a beverage; and prohibiting the transportation, carriage and delivery of intoxicating liquors within this State on shipments originating beyond the limits of this State where such shipment is intended to be received, possessed, sold, or in any manner used in violation of any law of this State; and providing penalties therefor; and also prohibiting any person, firm or corporation from soliciting or taking orders in any county, justice precinct, town, city or other subdivision of a county where the qualified voters thereof have by a majority vote prohibited the sale of intoxicating liquors; prohibiting the shipment, transportation, carriage and delivery of intoxicating liquors within this State, except within the territory within which the sale of intoxicating liquors is permitted under the laws of the State, requiring a participant or accomplice to testify and exempting such witnesses from punishment; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of this act; and creating and defining certain offenses in violation of this act, prescribing the penalty and punishment therefor; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,' this act being to amend the aforesaid act of the

Legislature as thus amended so that Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of said Chapter 31 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature shall be divided into seven sections to be known in said chapter as Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 5b and 5c, and also by amending Section 9 of said Chapter 31 so that said sections as thus divided and amended shall read in substance that except as otherwise provided it shall be unlawful for any person to possess intoxicating liquors for personal use, sale or any other purpose received from a common carrier or any person, firm or corporation or any officer, agent or employe thereof in any place where the sale of intoxicating liquors is prohibited, and making this restriction apply to interstate as well as intrastate shipments and carriers; making it unlawful for any person to keep or have for personal use or otherwise or to permit another to have or keep or use intoxicating liquors in any restaurant, store, office building, club, place where soft drinks are sold, fruit stands, news stands, room or place where bowling alleys, billiard or pool tables are maintained, livery stable, courthouse, public building, park, road, street or alley within any territory where the sale of intoxicating liquor is prohibited; defining an exception to this provision; declaring it unlawful for any person to receive intoxicating liquors from a carrier or other person, firm or corporation in any place where the sale of intoxicating liquors is prohibited, and making this section apply to liquors intended for personal use or otherwise, and to the receipt of liquors from interstate as well as intrastate carriers; making it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation or any officer, agent or employe thereof to deliver intoxicating liquors for shipment, transportation, carriage or delivery within this State where the sale of intoxicating liquors is prohibited regardless of the use which is intended to be made of the liquors; making it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, or any agent, officer or employe thereof to receive intoxicating liquors for shipment, transportation, carriage or delivery within this State at a place where the sale of intoxicating liquors has been prohibited regardless of the use to be made thereof; declaring it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, or any agent, officer or employe thereof to ship, transport, carry or deliver intoxicating liquor in any

place where the sale of intoxicating liquor is prohibited regardless of the use which is to be made of such liquor; making it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, or any officer, agent or employe thereof to ship or transport in any manner or by any means intoxicating liquors from a point within any other State or territory or district of the United States to any person, firm or corporation or agent, officer or employe thereof in this State residing in territory where the sale of intoxicating liquor is prohibited, which intoxicating liquor is intended to be received or possessed in violation of this act or sold in violation of law or used in any manner in violation of the laws of this State, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read third time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed?

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—63.

Bagby.	Neeley.
Baker.	Neill.
Beard of Milam.	Nichols.
Beasley.	O'Banion.
Bedell.	Osborne.
Bell.	Peyton.
Bertram.	Reeves.
Blackburn.	Richards.
Blackmon.	Rogers.
Blalock.	Russell.
Bledsoe.	Sackett.
Boner.	Sentell.
Bryan.	Seawright.
Burton of Rusk.	Smith of Hopkins.
Butler.	Smith of Scurry.
Cadenhead.	Spencer of Nolan.
Clark.	Spencer of Wise.
Cope.	Stewart.
Davis of Dallas.	Templeton.
Davis	Terrell.
of Van Zandt.	Thomas.
De Bogory.	Thomason
Dodd.	of Nacogdoches.
Estes.	Thompson
Fairchild.	of Hunt.
Hawkins.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Red River.
Jones.	Tilson.
Laney.	Traylor.
McMillin.	Veatch.
Meador.	Williford.
Metcalfe.	Wilson.
Murrell.	Yantis.

Nays—47.

Beason.	Burton of Tarrant.
Brown.	Canales.

Cox.	Martin.
Denton.	Mendell.
Dudley.	Monday.
Dunnam.	Parks.
Fisher.	Pillow.
Fitzpatrick.	Poage.
Fly.	Pope.
Haidusek.	Robertson.
Hardey.	Roemer.
Harris.	Schlesinger.
Hartman.	Schlosshan.
Hill.	Sholars.
Holland.	Smith of Bastrop.
Laas.	Swope.
Lange.	Taylor.
Lanier.	Tillotson.
Lee.	Tschoepe.
Lindemann.	Valentine.
Lowe	Walker.
of McMullen.	White.
Low	Williams
of Washington.	of Brazoria.
McFarland.	Woodul.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Moore.
Bland.	Morris.
Bryant.	Nordhaus.
Carlock.	O'Brien.
Davis of Grimes.	Peddy.
Florer.	Scholl.
Greenwood.	Upchurch.
Johnson.	Wahrmund.
Lacey.	Williams
McComb.	of McLennan.
McDowra.	Woods.
Miller of Austin.	

Absent—Excused.

Cates.	Strayhorn.
Crudgington.	Thomason
McCoy.	of El Paso.
Raiden.	Tinner.
Sallas.	

Paired.

Mr. Spradley (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Miller of Dallas (absent), who would vote "nay."

HOUSE BILL NO. 520 ON THIRD READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 520, A bill to be entitled "An Act giving to the owner of any real estate or interest therein sold under execution, order of sale, deed of trust, mortgage or other contract lien the right to the possession of the same for one year from the date of sale at any time to redeem the same at any time in one year from the date of sale, by

paying to the purchaser the amount of the purchase money paid, together with interest thereon and an additional five per cent; providing that property redeemed under the act shall not again be subject to levy or sale for the debt for which it was sold; providing that from the period of redemption allowed by this act shall be deducted a period equal to any extension of the debt; providing that the right of redemption shall not be waived; providing that the right of redemption shall for all purposes be treated and regarded as real estate, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP HOUSE BILL NO. 291 ON THIRD READING:

The House refused to suspend regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 291, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the placing, erection, use and maintenance of electric poles, wires, cables and appliances, and providing the punishment for the violation thereof."

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP HOUSE BILL NO. 369.

The House refused to suspend regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 369, A bill to be entitled "An Act to impose a per capita tax of one dollar and fifty cents on each and every dog in the State of Texas, fifty cents of which shall go to the State Highway Commission of Texas to support said department, and one dollar shall go to the road and bridge fund of each county, and shall be apportioned to each precinct where the owner of the dog resides."

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP HOUSE BILL NO. 473.

The House refused to suspend regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 473, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring all male persons entering into matrimony contracts to undergo a physical examination and furnishing health certificates showing that

the contracting party is free from all venereal diseases, and declaring an emergency."

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 744, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the selling of bass and white perch or crappie or channel catfish taken from the fresh waters in the county of Tom Green, State of Texas; making it unlawful to use any dynamite or other explosives in the killing or catching of any fish in any of the fresh waters of said county and providing a penalty for the violation thereof; prohibiting the use of any seine, drag net, trammel net or other net other than a minnow seine, which shall not be more than ten feet in length, limiting the number of fish to be taken in any one day; providing that the district judge of the judicial district in which Tom Green county is situated shall give a special charge upon this law to the grand juries of Tom Green county; providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 681, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the city council, board of aldermen, or other governing body of any city or town in this State, whether operating under special charter or the general law, to appropriate at the end of each fiscal year, so much of the net revenues of any waterworks system or other public utility system, service or enterprise owned by said city or town as such body shall deem to be the best interest of said city or town, to the payment of the sinking fund and interest on the bonded indebtedness of such system, service or enterprise; such sum so appropriated to be used for no other purpose; providing for the levy of a tax for raising such sinking fund and interest where such appropriation is insufficient as herein provided, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 360, A bill to be entitled "An Act establishing a Bureau of Vital Statistics for the Board of Health; providing for an adequate system for the registration of births and deaths in the State of Texas; providing penalties for

the violation of any of the provisions of this act, making appropriation for the efficient enforcement of the same, and declaring an emergency," with amendment.

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP HOUSE BILL NO. 500.

The House refused to suspend regular order of business to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 500, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 5305 and 5310 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, so as to provide that the county surveyors shall file with the county clerk a certified copy of the field notes of all surveys made by them or their deputies; prescribing the time within which the same must be filed; providing for the record of such field notes by the county clerk and fixing a fee therefor; providing that commissioners courts shall furnish to the county clerk the necessary books for such recording; repealing Article 5307, Revised Statutes of 1911, and declaring an emergency."

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29.

The House refused to suspend regular order of business to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. J. R. No. 29, Proposing to amend Sections 2, 24 and 26, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, reducing the number of representatives, fixing their compensation, and prescribing a basis of apportionment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 849 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 849, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an emergency appropriation of the necessary money to restore the roof and to repair the damage to what is known as the Old Hospital Building at the Confederate Home in Austin, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the

House, it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 849 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Mendell moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 849 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—101.

Bagby.	Lee.
Baker.	Lindemann.
Beard of Milam.	Lowe
Beasley.	of McMullen.
Beason.	Low
Bedell.	of Washington.
Bell.	McComb.
Bertram.	McFarland.
Blackburn.	McMillin.
Blackmon.	Martin.
Blalock.	Meador.
Bledsoe.	Mendell.
Boner.	Metcalf.
Brown.	Murrell.
Bryan.	Neeley.
Bryant.	Neill.
Burton of Rusk.	Nichols.
Burton of Tarrant.	O'Banion.
Butler.	Osborne.
Cadenhead.	Parks.
Canales.	Peddy.
Clark.	Peyton.
Cope.	Pillow.
Cox.	Poage.
Davis of Dallas.	Pope.
Davis of Grimes.	Reeves.
Davis	Richards.
of Van Zandt.	Robertson.
De Bogory.	Roemer.
Denton.	Rogers.
Dodd.	Russell.
Dudley.	Sackett.
Dunnam.	Sentell.
Estes.	Schlesinger.
Fairchild.	Schlosshan.
Fisher.	Seawright.
Fitzpatrick.	Sholars.
Fly.	Smith of Bastrop.
Haidusek.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hardey.	Smith of Scurry.
Harris.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hartman.	Spencer of Wise.
Hawkins.	Spradley.
Hill.	Stewart.
Holland.	Swope.
Hudspeth.	Taylor.
Jones.	Templeton.
Laas.	Terrell.
Laney.	Thomas.
Lange.	Thomason
Lanier.	of Nacogdoches.

Thompson	Williams
of Red River.	of Brazoria.
Tillotson.	Williams
Tschoepe.	of McLennan.
Valentine.	Wilson.
Veatch.	Woods.
Walker.	Woodul.
White.	

Nays—1.

Williford.

Absent.

Bland.	Nordhaus.
Carlock.	O'Brien.
Florer.	Scholl.
Greenwood.	Thompson
Johnson.	of Hunt.
Lacey.	Tilson.
McDowra.	Traylor.
Miller of Austin.	Upchurch.
Monday.	Wahrmond.
Moore.	Yantis.
Morris.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Sallas.
Cates.	Strayhorn.
Crudgington.	Thomason
McCoy.	of El Paso.
Miller of Dallas.	Tinner.
Raiden.	

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 849 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 397 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. McFarland, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 397, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of a State normal college, to be located at Alpine, in Brewster county, Texas; to be known as the 'Alpine State Normal College,' and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read third time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed?

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—77.

Mr. Speaker.	Blackmon.
Bagby.	Bledsoe.
Beard of Milam.	Boner.
Beason.	Brown.
Bedell.	Bryan.
Bell.	Burton of Rusk.
Blackburn.	Burton of Tarrant.

Canales.	Parks.
Clark.	Pillow.
Cox.	Poage.
Davis of Grimes.	Pope.
Davis	Reeves.
of Van Zandt.	Roemer.
De Bogory.	Russell.
Denton.	Sackett.
Dodd.	Schlesinger.
Dudley.	Sholars.
Fisher.	Smith of Bastrop.
Haidusek.	Smith of Scurry.
Hardey.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hartman.	Spradley.
Hawkins.	Swope.
Hill.	Templeton.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Jones.	Thomason
Laas.	of Nacogdoches.
Lange.	Thompson
Lee.	of Hunt.
Lindemann.	Thompson
Lowe	of Red River.
of McMullen.	Tillotson.
Low	Tschoepe.
of Washington.	Valentine.
McFarland.	Walker.
McMillin.	White.
Martin.	Williams
Meador.	of Brazoria.
Mendell.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of McLennan.
Monday.	Wilson.
Morris.	Woodul.
Nichols.	Yantis.
Osborne.	

Nays—33.

Baker.	Peddy.
Bertram.	Peyton.
Butler.	Richards.
Cadenhead.	Robertson.
Cope.	Rogers.
Davis of Dallas.	Sentell.
Dunnam.	Seawright.
Fairchild.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fly.	Spencer of Wise.
Holland.	Stewart.
Laney.	Taylor.
Lanier.	Terrell.
McComb.	Tilson.
Murrell.	Veatch.
Neeley.	Williford.
Neill.	Woods.
O'Banion.	

Present—Not Voting.

Estes.

Absent.

Beasley.	Harris.
Bland.	Johnson.
Bryant.	Lacey.
Carlock.	McDowra.
Cates.	Miller of Austin.
Fitzpatrick.	Moore.
Florer.	Nordhaus.
Greenwood.	O'Brien.

Schlosshan.	Upchurch.
Scholl.	Wahrmund.
Trayler.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Strayhorn.
Crudgington.	Thomason
McCoy.	of El Paso.
Raiden.	Tinner.
Sallas.	

Paired.

Mr. Blalock (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Miller of Dallas (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. McFarland moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 416 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 416, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the Garrison Independent School District in Nacogdoches county in the rebuilding and furnishing permanent public school buildings destroyed by fire November 17, 1916, by donating and granting to it the State ad valorem and a part of the poll taxes and occupation taxes collected on property and indebtedness of the Garrison Independent School District for a period of five years, and providing for the manner of collecting, disbursing and receipting for said money, and providing for a penalty for their misapplication, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—74.

Mr. Speaker.	Davis of Dallas.
Bagby.	Davis of Grimes.
Beard of Milam.	Davis
Bedell.	of Van Zandt.
Bell.	De Bogory.
Blackburn.	Denton.
Blalock.	Dodd.
Bledsoe.	Dudley.
Boner.	Estes.
Brown.	Fairchild.
Burton of Rusk.	Fisher.
Burton of Tarrant.	Haidusek.
Canales.	Hardey.
Clark.	Hill.

Hudspeth.	Sackett.
Jones.	Sentell.
Laas.	Schlesinger.
Lange.	Sholars.
Lanier.	Smith of Bastrop.
Lindemann.	Smith of Scurry.
Lowe	Spencer of Nolan.
of McMullen.	Spradley.
Low	Taylor.
of Washington.	Terrell.
McFarland.	Thomas.
Martin.	Thomason
Meador.	of Nacogdoches.
Mendell.	Thompson
Metcalf.	of Red River.
Monday.	Tillotson.
Morris.	Tschoepe.
Nichols.	Valentine.
O'Banion.	Veatch.
Osborne.	Walker.
Peddy.	White.
Peyton.	Williams
Pillow.	of Brazoria.
Pope.	Williams
Richards.	of McLennan.
Roemer.	Wilson.
Rogers.	Woodul.

Nays—32.

Baker.	Neill.
Bertram.	Nordhaus.
Bryan.	Parks.
Butler.	Poage.
Cadenhead.	Russell.
Cope.	Seawright.
Fly.	Smith of Hopkins.
Harris.	Spencer of Wise.
Hartman.	Stewart.
Hawkins.	Thompson
Holland.	of Hunt.
Laney.	Tilson.
Lee.	Trayler.
McComb.	Williford.
McMillin.	Woods.
Murrell.	Yantis.
Neeley.	

Absent.

Beasley.	McDowra.
Beason.	Miller of Austin.
Blackmon.	Moore.
Bland.	O'Brien.
Bryant.	Reeves.
Carlock.	Robertson.
Cox.	Schlosshan.
Dunnam.	Scholl.
Fitzpatrick.	Swope.
Florer.	Templeton.
Greenwood.	Upchurch.
Johnson.	Wahrmund.
Lacey.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	McCoy.
Cates.	Miller of Dallas.
Crudgington.	Raiden.

Sallas.	Thomason
Strayhorn.	of El Paso.
	Tinner.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 82.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 82, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas east of the 96th meridian; providing for the location of such college, its government and control of its finances; defining its leading object and prescribing generally the nature and scope of instruction to be given; providing for the instruction of all students of such college in military science and for military discipline of all students; conferring upon the board of directors of said college the right of eminent domain; making necessary appropriations for the location, establishment and maintenance of said college, and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL NO. 128 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 128, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6174, 6181, 6186, 6188, 6201, 6214, 6215, 6220, 6223, 6226, 6227, and by adding Article 6231a, Title 104, Chapters 1 and 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, regulating the management, control and financing the penitentiary system, and working of prisoners therein of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read third time.

Mr. Woods offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 128 by striking out of Section 1, Article 6174, all after the word "shares," on line 24, page 1.

Amend House bill No. 128 by striking out Article 6201 as set out in Section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Article 6201. It shall be the duty of the prison commission to make suitable and proper provision for the safe and speedy transportation of prisoners from

counties where sentenced to the prison at Huntsville by the sheriffs of such respective counties, if such sheriffs are willing to perform such services as cheaply as said commission can have it done otherwise, and such transportation shall be under such humane and reasonable regulations as may be prescribed by such commission and with as much regard for the self respect for the convicts as may safely be allowed.

"Said transportation shall be on State account, and in no instance shall the prisoners be taken directly to the State farms from the county jails, but shall first be taken to the penitentiary at Huntsville, where the character of labor which each prisoner may reasonably perform shall be determined. Upon the arrival of each prisoner at the penitentiary at Huntsville, the prison commission shall cause a statement to be made by the prisoner, giving a brief history of his life, showing where he has resided, the names and postoffice addresses of his immediate relatives, and such other facts as will tend to show his past habits and character. An inquiry shall also be made into his physical constitution, strength of mind and body, condition of eyes, teeth, nose and throat, and the presence of any disease of an infectious or contagious character, so that the proper treatment shall be given him, and the proper character and terms of labor. And the prison commission shall verify by correspondence or otherwise, if practicable the statements made by him, and shall preserve the record and information so obtained for future reference. He shall also be furnished with a copy of the rules provided for regulating the conduct of prisoners and officers of the institution and given such other information as will enable him to conform to the rules provided."

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 473, "An Act to create the Tahoka Independent School District in Lynn county, Texas, out of the territory known as Tahoka Common School District No. 2 in said county, defining its boundaries and providing for the election of a board of trustees therefor and authorizing the board of trustees to levy,

assess and collect special taxes, conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers, providing authority to issue bonds for the purposes of purchasing school building sites, and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the said district, to levy taxes therefor, and to pay current expenses for the support and maintenance of said schools, providing for a board of equalization and prescribing the duty and authority of said board, and further prescribing the duty and authority of said board of trustees, declaring valid an issue of bonds heretofore made, declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore levied, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 479, "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Duval county, Texas; fixing the compensation of the commissioners of Duval county when acting as ex-officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 475, "An Act creating the Girard Independent School District in Kent county, Texas, out of the territory known as the Girard Common School District No. 13 in said county, defining its boundaries and providing for the election of trustees therefor and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes, and declaring an emergency."

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Scurry, the House, at 6:10 o'clock p. m., took recess to 8 o'clock p. m. today.

NIGHT SESSION.

The House met at 8 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES OF JOURNAL.

Mr. Tillotson offered the following resolution:

Whereas, There will be a large demand for copies of House bill No. 2, creating a State Highway Department, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House is authorized to have printed 500 additional copies of the House Journal which will contain a copy of the said bill.

Signed—Tillotson, Bryan.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 595 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Schlesinger called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amend-

ments, for the consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the duties of the district attorney and county attorney with reference to habeas corpus proceedings and examining trials in counties where there is not a resident criminal district attorney, and repealing Article 31, Title 1, Chapter 2, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Schlesinger, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Pope, by unanimous consent, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 494 be not printed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 128 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being House bill No. 128, relating to the control, etc., of State convicts, on its passage to engrossment, with amendment by Mr. Woods pending.

Mr. Holland moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Woods offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 128 by striking out the figures "12" in line 25, page 3, and insert in lieu thereof the figures "10."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 128 was then passed to engrossment.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 ON FIRST READING.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 11 was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 291.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 291, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6756, 6762 and 6763, Title 116, of the Revised

Civil Statutes of 1911, of the State of Texas, relating to the compensation and allowances of the ranger force, and declaring an emergency."

RECALLING SENATE BILL NO. 489 FROM THE SENATE.

Mr. Terrell moved that the Senate be requested to return Senate bill No. 489 to the House for further consideration. The motion prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 370 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 370, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 628 and 632 of Chapter 2, Title 18, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas (1911 compilation), said chapter being Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, 1909, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 263 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 263, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1033, Chapter 14, Title 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted in 1911, so as to authorize the incorporation of towns or villages containing more than two hundred (200) and less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 42.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 42, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the registration of land titles in this State; to prescribe the procedure, the duties of the officers in

relation thereto: the venue, the form of registration certificates and the recording thereof, for the appointment of examiners and fees to be charged in such proceedings."

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Dudley, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 248 be not printed.

SENATE BILL NO. 449 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 449, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish at Arlington, Tarrant county, Texas, a Junior Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial College to be known as the Grubbs Vocational College, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time,

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the bill was passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—68.

Bagby.	Laas.
Beard of Milam.	Laney.
Beason.	Low
Bedell.	of Washington.
Bell.	McFarland.
Blackburn.	McMillin.
Blackmon.	Martin.
Bledsoe.	Mendell.
Boner.	Metcalf.
Brown.	Miller of Austin.
Burton of Tarrant.	Monday.
Canales.	Neeley.
Carlock.	Nichols.
Clark.	Osborne.
Cox.	Parks.
Davis of Dallas.	Pillow.
Davis of Grimes.	Poage.
Davis	Pope.
of Van Zandt.	Reeves.
De Bogory.	Rogers.
Denton.	Sackett.
Fisher.	Sentell.
Fitzpatrick.	Schlesinger.
Florer.	Sholars.
Haidusek.	Smith of Bastrop.
Harris.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hartman.	Smith of Scurry.
Hawkins.	Spradley.
Hill.	Swope.
Holland.	Thomas.
Hudspeth.	Thomason
Jones.	of Nacogdoches.

Thompson
of Hunt.
Thompson
of Red River.
Tilson.

Tschoepe.
Valentine.
Walker.
Wilson.

Nays—31.

Baker.	Peyton.
Beasley.	Richards.
Bertram.	Robertson.
Burton of Rusk.	Roemer.
Butler.	Russell.
Cadenhead.	Schlosshan.
Cope.	Seawright.
Dodd.	Stewart.
Dudley.	Taylor.
Dunnam.	Templeton.
Fly.	Terrell.
Lee.	Tillotson.
McComb.	Veatch.
Meador.	Williford.
Murrell.	Woods.
Neill.	

Present—Not Voting.

Fairchild.

Absent.

Blalock.	Nordhaus.
Bland.	O'Banion.
Bryan.	O'Brien.
Bryant.	Scholl.
Estes.	Spencer of Nolan.
Greenwood.	Spencer of Wise.
Hardey.	Trayler.
Lacey.	Upchurch.
Lange.	Wahrmund.
Lanier.	White.
Lindemann.	Williams
Lowe	of Brazoria.
of McMullen.	Williams
McDowra.	of McLennan.
Moore.	Woodul.
Morris.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Sallas.
Cates.	Strayhorn.
Crudgington.	Thomason
Johnson.	of El Paso.
McCoy.	Tinner.
Raiden.	

Paired.

Mr. Peddy (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Miller of Dallas (absent), who would vote "yea."

SENATE BILL NO. 246 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 246, A bill to be entitled "An Act conveying to the United States

of America all right, title and interest which the State of Texas may have or hold in and to the following described tract of land, situated in the city of Galveston, and the county of Galveston, State of Texas, known and described on the maps and plans of said city now in common use as being the tract of land located on the dyke in Galveston bay, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Beason, it was ordered that Senate bills Nos. 326 and 105 be not printed.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 361.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 361, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the erection of a monument in memory of Governor Sullivan Ross, etc."

SENATE BILL NO. 138 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 138, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for an appeal from interlocutory orders overruling motions to vacate orders appointing receivers."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time, and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 187 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 187, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the number and character of lamps to be carried by automobiles, motor vehicles and motorcycles, during certain hours and to prohibit the use of glaring and dazzling headlights upon automobiles, motor vehicles and motorcycles in use upon the public highways of this State, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time, and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 285 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 285, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5621, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to liens of mechanics, contractors, builders and materialmen."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time, and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 470 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 470, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2877, Title 48, Chapter 17, of the Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, entitled 'Election Local School Tax,' providing that the city or town council or board of aldermen of any city, town or village, whether incorporated under any act of the Congress of the Republic or the Legislature of the State of Texas or under any act of incorporation whatever, shall have power by ordinance to annually levy and collect a local tax not to exceed in any one year fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district for the support and maintenance of public free schools and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; providing that no levy of such tax shall be made until an election shall have been held in which none but property tax payers who are qualified voters of such city or town or of such independent school district shall vote, and a majority of those voting shall vote in favor thereof; providing that said tax may be for a specific amount of not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; providing that one election for the levy of any such tax or for the repeal of any such tax shall be held in any one calendar year, but whenever the majority of any such voters have voted in favor of such tax, no election for its repeal shall be held for two years thereafter; making provisions for the levy and collection of said tax; providing that the limitation

upon the amount of school district tax authorized by this act shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts as is provided in Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 287 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 287, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 104 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, approved April 2, 1913, the same being an act to amend Article 4893, Title 71, Chapter 9, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, prohibiting the use of coinsurance clauses in any policy or contract of insurance covering property in this State, and amending said Article 4893, providing that coinsurance clauses may be used in any policy or contract of insurance covering property in this State at the option of the assured, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

Mr. Woods offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 287 by adding at the end of Section 1, line 20, page 2, the following words: "Provided, that where such coinsurance clause is attached to the policy of insurance upon the express written consent of the insured, such consent shall be based on the consideration of a certain reasonable reduction of the premium rate charged, which rate shall be fixed according to rules and regulations provided by the State Insurance Commission."

Mr. McMillin moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table was lost.

The amendment was adopted.

The House then refused to pass Senate bill No. 287 to a third reading.

Mr. Canales moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass the bill to a third reading, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 82.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 82, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas in the region east of the 96 meridian, etc."

SENATE BILL NO. 315 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 315, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 22, Chapter 4, Article 879, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 300 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 300, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the operation of motion picture shows, theatres and places of amusement where motion picture exhibits are given; providing rules and specifications for the construction of booths and the installation of motion picture machines and other devices incident to motion picture shows, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Parks offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 300 by adding a new Section "15a," to read as follows:

"Sec. 15a. Cities of over five thousand inhabitants shall have the power as to, and may by the public will, as expressed by ordinance, or charter amendment, authorize, or allow, censor and regulate, or prohibit the operation of theatres on Sunday."

Mr. Smith of Scurry raised a point of order on consideration of the amendment on the ground that it is not germane to the purposes of the bill.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

Mr. Lee offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 300, page 9, line 31, by adding after the word "authorities," the following: "Provided, however, that the provisions of this act shall not in any way apply to cities of less than 3000 population."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Schlesinger offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 300 by striking out Section 13 thereof.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Parks offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 300 by adding the following at the end of Section 19: "Provided, however, that none of the provisions of this act shall apply to any city operating under special charter whose ordinances conform to the provisions of this act."

Mr. Smith of Scurry moved the previous question on the amendment and the passage of the bill to a third reading, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, it was adopted.

Mr. Parks moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate bill No. 300 was then passed to a third reading.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Martin, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 488 be not printed.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 161.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 161, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the control of municipal elections in cities and towns of this State located in counties having more than 130,000 population according to the last Federal census by the use of money; and to regulate and limit the expenditure of money to influence the result of such elections, and providing penalties for violations of this act, and declaring an emergency."

SENATE BILL NO. 488 ON SECOND READING.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 488, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending an act creating the Kingsland Independent School District in Llano county by adding thereto certain land in Burnet county."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 310.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 310, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the qualifications of the county superintendent of public instruction, fixing the salary of the county superintendent, etc., and declaring an emergency."

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 126.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 126, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring all persons, corporations and receivers engaged in constructing, operating and maintaining railroads in this State to give notice to its employes working in its shops and roundhouses, before reducing the force of said employes."

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 326.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 326, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the county of Chambers in rebuilding roads and bridges within said county, which were destroyed by a flood and storm in said county on August 16, 1915, by donating and granting to it, the said county of Chambers, the State ad valorem taxes and a part of the occupation and poll taxes collected on property and from persons in Chambers county for a period of ten years, and to

provide a penalty for their misapplication."

SENATE BILL NO. 267 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 267, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define a delinquent child and to regulate the treatment and control of same; providing for commitment of the delinquent and incorrigible juvenile in the State institution to be hereafter known as the State Training School for Boys, located at Gatesville, Coryell county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Dunnam offered two amendments to the bill, striking out all after and all before the enacting clause of the bill and inserting in lieu thereof the text of a new bill.

On motion of Mr. Lee, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

SENATE BILL NO. 241 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 241, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivisions 1, 2, 6 and 7 of Article 1130, Chapter 2, Title 15 of the Revised Criminal Statutes of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, 1911, relating to the fees allowed to sheriffs and constables in all cases when the charge is felony."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 453.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 453. A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salaries of the Railroad Commissioners of this State."

SENATE BILL NO. 195 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 195, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 25, Chapter 2, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, authorizing the formation and organization of private corporations for the purpose of building and operating dry docks and marine railways, by adding thereto Article 75, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 490 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 490, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 6 of an act passed by the present session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature and approved on the — day of March, 1917, pertaining to the development of minerals in the public free school lands and waters, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 176.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 176, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize commissioners courts, in addition to the powers now granted them, to make appropriations of money to regularly organized relief and charitable associations, for the support of indigents; requiring such associations to make annual reports to said courts, and declaring an emergency."

REFUSAL TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 387.

The House refused to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 387, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Criminal District

Court of Galveston county, and defining the jurisdiction thereof, and declaring an emergency."

(Speaker in the chair.)

SENATE BILL NO. 82 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 82, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a Junior Agricultural College east of the 96th meridian and north of the 31st parallel, and to place the government and direction of said institution under the governing board of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and making an appropriation for said junior college, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

H. B. No. 694, "An Act to aid the city of Corpus Christi in elevating and raising a portion of said city and building a seawall or breakwater so as to protect it from calamitous overflows, by donating to it the ad valorem taxes collected on property and from persons in Nueces county for a period of fifteen years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 811, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Trinity county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 813, "An Act creating Smiley Independent School District, in Gonzales county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 365, "An Act to permit S. S. Perry of Brazoria county, Texas, to bring suit against the State of Texas for an alleged damage growing out of an alleged breach of contract entered into by and between the said S. S. Perry and the Board of Prison Commissioners, September 20, 1911."

H. B. No. 826, "An Act creating the Pandora Independent School District in Wilson county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 801, "An Act to amend an act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, being House bill No. 83, and as amended by Senate bill No. 195, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legis-

lature, creating a more efficient road system for Rains county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 700, "An Act creating the Docum and Miller Common County Line School District, containing territory in Erath and Comanche counties, Texas, including the territory of the school districts known as Miller and Docum Common School Districts of Comanche and Erath counties, respectively; placing said common county line school district under the jurisdiction of Comanche county, to be known as Common School District No. 110 of said county; a board of trustees therefor; vesting said district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred and imposed on common school districts and boards of trustees thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 451, "An Act to provide for the purchase of a site for, and for the establishment, location and construction of, an asylum in South Texas, for the care, treatment, and support of negro insane persons, and to make an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 553, "An Act to amend Article 7305 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the inspection of hides and animals, so as to include among the counties exempted from the provisions of Articles 7256 to 7304, inclusive, the counties of Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sterling, Tom Green and Upton."

H. B. No. 820, "An Act creating a new road law for Bowie county."

H. B. No. 790, "An Act creating the Stanton Independent School District of Martin county, Texas, by adding the present Stanton Independent School District more territory, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 791, "An Act creating the Newton Independent School District of Newton county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 786, "An Act to create a special fish law for Wood county; exempting said county from certain provisions of the general fish and game laws of Texas; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 681, "An Act to authorize the city council, board of aldermen, or other governing body of any city or town in this State, whether operating under special charter or the general law, to appropriate at the end of each fiscal year so much of the net revenues of any waterworks system or other public utility system, service or enterprise owned by

said city or town as such body shall deem to the best interest of said city or town, to the payment of the sinking fund and interest on the bonded indebtedness of such system, service or enterprise; such sum so appropriated to be used for no other purpose; providing for the levy of a tax for raising such sinking fund and interest where such appropriation is insufficient as herein provided, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 748, "An Act to create the Kelton Independent School District of Wheeler county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

RECESS.

Mr. Lee moved that the House recess until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Beason moved that the House recess until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Lee prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 10:25 o'clock p. m., took recess until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 248, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

HAWKINS, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred S. C. R. No. 1, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Neill has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 432, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

DAVIS of Grimes, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 494, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 849, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an emergency appropriation of the necessary money to restore the roof and to repair the damage of what is known as the old hospital building at the Confederate Home at Austin, the roof of which was destroyed and the building damaged by fire on the 17th day of March, 1917; authorizing the board of trustees of the said institution to make necessary contracts and have the work of restoration and repair done, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE COMPTROLLER'S AND TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your committee on examining

the Comptroller's accounts and the Treasury Department begs leave to make the following report:

We have visited the Treasury Department on February 21st, and were courteously received by the Hon. J. M. Edwards, Treasurer of this State, and were furnished with a statement of all moneys, bonds, etc., which were in the Treasury at that time, as per the following:

Statement of money in Treasury at close of business February 21, 1917:

Currency in vault.....	\$ 2,339,000 00
Gold in vault.....	11,030 00
Silver in vault.....	2,000 00
Mutilated coins	833 57

Total cash in vault. \$ 2,352,863 57

Cash in depositories.....	\$ 800,000 00
Cash and exchange on counter	155,711 21

Grand total \$ 3,308,574 78
Bonds.

Bonds in vault, permanent school fund	\$20,348,728 20
Bonds miscellaneous funds	1,340,924 50

Total, all funds.... \$21,689,652 79

After making a cursory examination of the currency in the vaults, the gold, silver, notes and bonds, we verified the above statement, and found it to be true and correct. There were two suggestions made by that department with reference to the legislation. First, that the mutilated coins, which totals \$833.57, should be melted, sold and re-coined in order that the State might receive the benefit from said coin. As it is now, it is merely a waste and burden and no increment comes therefrom. Second, the accumulation of bonds creates a physical emergency in the room in the vault of the Treasury Department. Many of these bonds run from one year to forty or fifty, and to longer times. Most of them, of course, possess coupons, which are torn off at regular intervals. The multiplicity of forms, sizes and physical makeup of the material makes it almost impossible for these bonds to be kept in a safe condition. Upon consideration, it is urged that a uniform bond form be legalized in order to make them per-

manent to facilitate the cutting of coupons, and to make room for said bonds in the Treasury vaults. The committee having appointed the following men, Mr. Sackett, Fitzpatrick and Hardey as a subcommittee to investigate the Comptroller's Department, beg leave to attach hereto their report of said subcommittee as a part of this report.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. W. E. Hawkins, Chairman Committee on Examination of Comptroller's and Treasurer's Accounts:

Sir: Your sub-committee appointed to examine the Comptroller's accounts, beg leave to report as follows:

To do full justice to such a task as this would take several months time and your committee therefore has been only able to perform their duty in a perfunctory manner, to wit: by looking through the Comptroller's method of keeping his accounts and by inquiry as to the results he has obtained since his tenure in office.

For specific mention, we especially direct your attention to the work accomplished by three auditors in the employ of the Comptroller and permitted by appropriation of the Thirty-fourth Legislature. Mr. Terrell informs us that those three auditors with their assistants have made a complete audit of eighteen county officials and a partial audit of twelve other county officials. The result of the audit being as follows:

He has found each of the thirty officials short from \$1.33 to \$40,000. So far his office has recovered \$80,000 in cash and has accounts of \$25,000 to \$30,000 in collectible shape which will net to the State in the neighborhood of \$110,000.

In view of the results obtained from the work of these three auditors, we therefore recommend a liberal appropriation for further work of this character.

Respectfully submitted,

FITZPATRICK,

Chairman Sub-committee.

We submit the above report:

HAWKINS,
FITZPATRICK,
SACKETT,
HARDEY,
SEAWRIGHT,
SENTELL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT
JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your committee appointed to visit Juvenile Training School at Gatesville and Girls' Training School at Gainesville, beg leave to report:

We visited the Juvenile Training School on last Saturday, inspecting each department, carefully examining the buildings, conversed freely with the juveniles. The superintendent, Mr. King, was very courteous and diligent to see that our inspection was satisfactory and complete. We found the institution well kept in all departments, cleanliness was evident everywhere. The Superintendent is conducting the institution under best of system and discipline. The institution shows evidence of good business management, although the institution is badly crowded yet all buildings are kept in first-class sanitary order.

The negro dormitory is very much crowded, there being 247 negroes in this dormitory, while it was originally built to accommodate about 85. The present negro dormitory is equipped with single beds, but almost every bed accommodates twice its capacity. The negro dining room is not large enough to accommodate the number of negroes that are there at one time, therefore some 50 of the negroes are compelled to eat at the second table, which causes a loss of time in getting to work, and also oftentimes causes them to eat cold victuals.

We find that the negro dormitory asked for is badly needed; therefore, we heartily recommend an appropriation asked for for this dormitory to be built in 1918. We also endorse their request of five thousand dollars for repairing and adding equipment to the kitchen, hall and commissary of both the negro and white buildings. A former appropriation has been made for installing a heating plant, but there are some few of the buildings that have never been fitted with this heating system, and we recommend that the item asked for for this purpose be allowed.

The dormitory known as the Lanham Building is in very bad order, being somewhat of an old building. The roof is in bad repair, as is also the ceiling. It is also badly crowded, accommodating almost double its capacity, and should fire break out during the night it would be almost impossible to save

the boys rooming therein; therefore, we recommend that the small item asked for for remodeling and rebuilding this building be allowed. We also found the roof of what is known as the middle building, this building being a double building, is in very bad order, and we recommend a fireproof roof be put upon this building.

The white boys' dormitories are equally as crowded as those of the negroes, a number of the rooms in the boys' dormitories being used for school rooms. There is no main auditorium and school buildings; therefore, we recommend that one central school building be erected for the white boys with an auditorium in it with sufficient seating capacity for the entire attendance.

There are at present 380 white juveniles at this institution, in addition to the 247 colored juveniles, and the expense of maintaining this institution for 1916, we were informed by the superintendent, was about the sum of \$199 per capita. The administration building is located between two dormitories and, should it burn, it would almost be impossible to save one of the dormitories, and this building should be remodeled and made fireproof.

The State of Texas is to be complimented on having such an efficient board of managers, courteous and business-like superintendent, and competent assistants, whose attention and efforts have the advancement of those under their protection, and they are to be appreciated and commended.

We also visited the Girls' Training School at Gainesville, after a visit to the boys' school, where we were very courteously received by the Superintendent, Dr. Carrie Weaver Smith, and we were greatly surprised to find this institution to be in such excellent shape, having been in operation for such a short number of years. Dr. Smith is giving her best efforts and energy for the advancement of this institution. The institution is run entirely on the honor system, and it is wonderful to notice the admiration that the girls have for their Superintendent, their matrons and their instructors.

Two dormitories have been erected at this institution out of the appropriation made by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, but the item of equipping these dormitories was overlooked by the last Legislature. These buildings cannot be utilized at this time because of the fact that they are not completed. They are

not wired for lighting, and they have no heating apparatus. One is being used for a chapel, and the girls have to carry their chairs from other buildings when they use this building; therefore, we recommend most heartily that the appropriation asked for for the completion and the plumbing, heating and lighting of these buildings be granted.

We also found this institution to be filled beyond its capacity. At the present there are 51 girls in the institution, and we were told by the Superintendent that she has something over a hundred applications on the waiting list. Both of the new dormitories will be filled to their capacity as soon as they are ready for occupancy.

There is no building on the premises to be used for a store room. At present they are using one of the unfinished buildings. We recommend that the appropriation asked for for repairing the basement of one of the present dormitories for a store room be allowed, and that the necessary funds for equipping this store room of the necessary shelvings, tables, etc., be granted.

It is safe to say that there will be over 100 girls in this institution by September 1st. Eighty per cent of the attendance are not educated. The school facilities at this institution are very limited; therefore, we recommend that the necessary funds as asked for be appropriated for the erection of the school building, and that this school building be built of sufficient size that will meet the demands there for several years.

The grounds upon which the buildings are located are very rough and not in keeping with the symmetry of the buildings. There are no concrete walks and very few gravel walks on the premises. We recommend that a sufficient amount be granted for the purpose of terracing premises and constructing the necessary walks and roads.

We found all departments of this institution up in first-class sanitary condition; buildings are being well cared for, and the girls report that they are being well fed and well treated, and the girls are taking great interest in different lines of industry offered by this institution, such as poultry raising, truck gardening, dairying and sewing.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS,
SMITH of Hopkins,
NORDHAUS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a State Highway Department, creating a State Highway commission, and the office of State Highway Engineer; prescribing the duties of the members of the commission and of the engineer, and fixing the compensation of each and the qualifications of such engineer; providing for the employment of such clerical and other assistance as may be necessary in the operation of the department; prescribing reciprocal duties for the commission and for the county commissioners courts of the State; directing the commission to plan and adopt comprehensive system of State highways, and to promote the construction thereof by co-operation with the counties, or independently by the Commission; authorizing a policy of State aid to counties in road construction intended to promote a greater uniformity in the construction of highways; directing co-operation of the department with the Federal government in the utilization of any funds appropriated by Congress in aid of road construction in this State; authorizing the working of State prisoners on State highways under conditions that may be agreed upon by the Highway Commission and the Prison Commission and approved by the Governor; authorizing the use by the department of the laboratories of the University of Texas and of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for analyses of road materials; providing State registration for all motor vehicles and motorcycles, the issuance of a license in evidence thereof, fixing the fees and charges therefor, and providing that such fees and charges shall constitute a part of the fund for the support of the State Highway Department; and for the distribution to the counties of a part of the moneys received from such registration fees; providing for the furnishing of identification numbers to motor vehicles and motorcycles, and for furnishing distinguishing seals for the year for which issued to such motor vehicles and motorcycles; prescribing pen-

alties for the violation of the provisions of this act; making an appropriation to inaugurate the work of the department as provided in this act; and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 769, "An Act to amend Sections 6 and 7 of the special road law in force in Van Zandt county, as enacted by the Thirty-third Legislature and approved March 25, 1913," etc.,

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 823, "An Act adding to and making a part of the Rosenberg Independent School District of Fort Bend county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 840, "An Act increasing the limits of the Talpa Independent School District, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 599, "An Act to amend Chapter 76, General Laws, 1901, to create a more efficient road system for Erath county, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:17 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 653, "An Act to create a special road law for Cherokee county, and providing for levying and collecting a road tax, authorizing the commissioners court of said county to employ road superintendents and laborers on the public roads thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:17 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 825, "An Act creating the Alief Independent School District in Harris county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 716, "An Act to amend the present Runnels county special road law in raising the salaries of the commissioners in said county, so that they

may receive \$540 for their services for any one year, and raising the salaries for services upon the roads of said county, and prescribing the maximum that each county commissioner may receive while acting as road commissioner of said county, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 838, "An Act to create the Sherperd Independent School District in San Jacinto county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 796, "An Act creating the Pineland Independent School District No. 3 in Sabine county, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 802, "An Act changing the boundaries of Caps Independent School District, and View Common School District No. 52, in Taylor county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 610, "An Act to amend Section 3 of House bill No. 647, Chapter 136, of the special law passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature relating to Tarrant county road system; providing for the raising of the salaries of county commissioners of said county from \$2000 to \$2400 per annum, and making it the duty of said commissioners to furnish their own conveyance while performing the duties of road commissioner and defray the expense of upkeep of same,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

FIFTY-FIRST DAY.

(Continued.)

(Tuesday, March 20, 1917.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by the Speaker.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NO. 247.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following report of the Conference Committee on Senate bill No. 247:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sirs: We, your Free Conference Committee appointed on Senate bill No. 247, beg leave to report that we have met and adjusted the differences between the House and Senate and recommend to the House and Senate the passage of said bill amended as follows:

(1)

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof as follows:

"Section 1. That Chapter 48 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thir-